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Monroe County Chief Assistant District Attorney Sarah Skiles is the 2026 Great Kids Start With You Award Recipient

Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger shared today that Monroe County Chief Assistant District Attorney Sarah Skiles, is the 2026 Great Kids Start With You Award Recipient. The award was presented at the April 3rd, 2026 Blue Ribbon Breakfast in La Crosse.

The award is given each year by the Coulee Region Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, to an individual who shows exceptional leadership and dedication in the protection of children and strengthening of families. Skiles was nominated for the award by Emily Meyer of the Family and Children's Center-Stepping Stones program. Meyer cited not only the tireless effort of Skiles in seeking justice for children, but also the positive attitude Skiles keeps in the midst of extremely difficult circumstances as just a part of the basis for the nomination of Skiles.

In accepting the award Skiles stated, "Thank you for this incredible and meaningful honor. Working to protect children is not something that one person can do alone. It takes many people working together cooperatively. I want to recognize my colleagues and partners who work tirelessly. The social workers, law enforcement officers, forensic interviewers, and other professionals who work day after day to prioritize the well-being of children. The honor of this award belongs to all of you who recognize that silence and inaction can be dangerous and that stepping up to do our job can change the course of lives. It is truly a privilege to work with the survivors of child abuse. They trust us to do our best and fight for them every day even when it is not easy. I accept this award with renewed purpose and gratitude."

Being recognized for tremendous work and dedication is not new to Skiles. In 2023, she was named the Wisconsin District Attorney's Association - Assistant District Attorney of the Year.

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Pictured below from left to right: Emily Meyer (Stepping Stones), Chief Assistant District Attorney Sarah Skiles, and Danielle Swedberg (Stepping Stones)



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