

**2010 NIGHTINGALE RECIPIENT
CECILIA ACOSTA, RN, BSN
CROMWELL**



The Cromwell Office of New England Home Care proudly announces Cecilia “Ceci” Acosta as the recipient of this year’s Florence Nightingale Award. Ceci exemplifies the true spirit of nursing professionalism in her daily practice as a Behavioral Health Supervisor. She has been a dedicated employee of New England Home

Care for the past 4 years and draws on her experience in the field to mentor her staff. She came to New England Home Care after a diversified behavioral health background including inpatient psychiatric care @ Cedarcrest Hospital both as a staff nurse and supervisor. Ceci also functioned as a mental health worker in the facility prior to her becoming an RN in 2005. Because of Ceci’s bachelor degrees in both psychology and nursing she is able to assess the clients as a “whole” and guide her staff in doing the same. Her communication skills with her patients, other healthcare professionals and her peers are excellent and make her a wonderful addition to the Supervisory staff @ New England Home Care.

Ceci’s assessment skills are top-notch and she anticipates the needs of her patients, communicating with physicians to make appropriate changes in care plans. She works in conjunction with her patients, involving them in their own care plans and, subsequently, preventing repeat hospital admissions. Ceci is a strong patient advocate and has spoken at the State Legislation level on behalf of the psychiatric population and their needs. Her bilingual background allows her to help our Spanish speaking clients attain the highest level of care they need and is often their “voice” when they are not able to be heard.

There is no one more deserving of the prestigious Florence Nightingale Award than Cecelia Acosta. She embodies the qualities of the quintessential professional and the true spirit of a registered nurse and Supervisor. If any of us should need a strong advocate, an excellent home care nurse or someone to look to for sound advice, we would have to look no further than our own Cecilia Acosta RN, BSN.

Congratulations!!