



EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC

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**EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC is Recognized as the 2009 Small Business of the Year by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce**

At the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Gala EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC was recognized at the 2009 Small Business of the Year Award. Small businesses are the foundation for commerce in the United States and the Eastern Shore. In the United States, small firms represent 99.7% of all employer firms, and employ approximately 50% of all private sector workers. There are many challenges of running a small business, especially in today's economy.

EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC provides employee assistance programs and work/life services for local and national companies. The firm was established in 1998 by Patty Vanderpool and has offices in Daphne, Jackson, AL and Pensacola, FL. Key to EAP's success include its staff, who always work together to help their clients and each other. The strategic alliances they have built with other organizations and providers allow them to provide resources for employees with any issues that may impact their work performance. The result of those partnerships is unsurpassed, personalized customer attention.

In regard to the company's growth and accomplishments, the company has experienced slow, steady growth since it was purchased in 1998. Since then, they have gained national clients and in 2008, expanded globally to serve employees working for US-based New Era Cap in Europe, Asia and Canada. Their sub-contractor base has grown to several hundred. The company is certified as a Woman-Owned Business by the women's Business Enterprise National Council and was recognized in 2007 and 2008 as the top diversity-owned business in Alabama by DiversityBusiness.com.

Patty is a frequent presenter and has a workshop coming up on August 11<sup>th</sup> with the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce entitled "Fun at Work: Working Laughingly Together."

EAP Lifestyle Management, LC is a beacon of light to employees experiencing challenges and to their employers who want to keep them happy and healthy in the workplace and out, as well as an exemplary corporate citizen.

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For more information on the SAL Awards contact the Women's Business Center at 251-660-2725. To schedule an interview with Patricia Vanderpool or to learn more about EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC please contact us at 251-621-5360 or e-mail her at [pvanderpool@eaplifestyle.com](mailto:pvanderpool@eaplifestyle.com).