

ADA noted for child abuse work

WOBURN — The head of the Middlesex District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit has been honored with the "Access to Justice Prosecutor Award" by the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Assistant District Attorney Katharine Folger, who has been with the Middlesex DA's office for 16 years, was presented with the award yesterday at the MBA's annual Access to Justice Awards Luncheon, which was held at the Sheraton in Boston. The award recognizes a prosecutor who has made significant legal contributions to the public.

"Katharine is an outstanding prosecutor and is a most fitting recipient for this prestigious award," Middlesex District Attorney Gerard Leone said. "I am very proud of the work that Katharine does on behalf of this office, protecting, serving and providing access to justice for some of our most vulnerable victims who can-

not speak for themselves — our children. We truly appreciate the MBA for recognizing Katharine with this honor."

Folger has prosecuted several high-profile child abuse cases, including that of an Acton mother accused of killing her 13-month-old son, and obtaining a first-degree murder conviction against

Jeffrey McGee in the death of his wife, Christine.

Aside from Folger's case load and supervising responsibilities, she also concentrates on identifying resources that can improve the lives of troubled families. Last year, she created the state's first-of-its-kind website designed specifically to train mandated reporters.

