



Nomination Packet

OUTSTANDING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARDS

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Oklahoma State Capitol ~ Room 100

Presented by the Oklahoma State Department of Health
Family Support & Prevention Service

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE

COB Friday, March 10, 2023



NOMINATIONS

The OSDH – Family Support & Prevention Service is currently accepting nominations to recognize excellence in the field of child abuse prevention. Please nominate a program or person you would like recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting safe, stable and nurturing environments and relationships for Oklahoma's children.

While all categories of child abuse prevention will be considered, there is a strong focus on primary prevention for these awards.

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Secondary Prevention addresses risks among specific groups to prevent child abuse or neglect before it occurs.

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AWARD PROCESS

Select the most appropriate award category for your individual or program nominee.

You may enter a nominee in only one category.

The nomination submission must include:

1. A cover page including the following information:
 1. Award Category
 2. Nominee's Name (Individual or Program)
 3. Nominee's Agency Name
 4. Nominee's Mailing Address
 5. Nominee's Email Address
 6. Nominee's Phone Number
 7. Nominator's Name
 8. Nominator's Mailing Address
 9. Nominator's Email Address
 10. Nominator's Phone Number
2. A nomination letter describing the nominee's work; one or two pages is sufficient.
3. Supporting documents (i.e. newspaper clippings, additional letters, etc.)

- The entire submission must be no more than six single-sided, 8 ½" X 11" pages.
- Please Email your nomination to LaChez English, CBCAP Grant Coordinator, LaChezE@health.ok.gov
- Nominations must be received by **COB Friday, March 10, 2023.**
- All candidates, including those who made nominations, will be notified of the outcome no later than April 6.
- The awards will be presented on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Room 100 at the Oklahoma State Capitol.
- Nominees will be evaluated and scored according to the specific attributes listed for their award category.



AWARD CATEGORIES

Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Recognition

OUTSTANDING HOME VISITOR AWARD

This award recognizes a professional working as a home visitor that has demonstrated a high commitment to quality service and tremendous dedication to those served.

Eligibility Criteria: This individual must have worked within an evidence-based home visiting program such as Parents as Teachers, SafeCare, Healthy Start, Healthy Families Oklahoma, Exchange Parent Aide or Early Head Start¹ for a minimum of two years.

Attributes to be considered: 1) strong collaborator with a desire to seek solutions for vulnerable families and community challenges; 2) avid learner seeking new skills and information to elevate her/his practice and/or improve existing systems; 3) committed home visitor that uses creative strategies to engage families, produce positive outcomes and still maintain therapeutic boundaries; and/or 4) promoter of strategies to prevent child maltreatment within the communities.

OUTSTANDING ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARD

This award recognizes an Oklahoma elected official for distinguished service focused on the prevention of child maltreatment and/or support of vulnerable families.

Eligibility Criteria: This individual must have been in her/his elected position for a minimum of one year. The office may be at the local or state level.

Attributes to be considered: 1) strong leader that brings a variety of individuals together, such as philanthropy, prevention professionals, consumers of services and academicians, in seeking solutions for vulnerable families and community challenges; 2) a thoughtful decision maker that utilizes data as well as anecdotal information when working on policy, law or projects; 3) an advocate that always considers the needs of vulnerable families and their children; and/or 4) a results-oriented servant that recognizes the values of tenacity and compromise when working towards long-term goals.

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¹ This award excludes nurses working within evidence-based home visiting award models because nurses have their own award category.



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MARIAN JACEWITZ AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the prevention of child abuse and strengthening families on a statewide level.

Eligibility Criteria: None.

Attributes to be considered: 1) has demonstrated leadership with one or more statewide, creative, innovative child abuse prevention or family strengthening programs or activities with demonstrated outcomes; 2) has led efforts that have resulted in policy or practice changes that have benefited Oklahoma families throughout the state; and/or 3) has assisted in securing funding efforts or brought together multiple funding sources that support activities with positive, data-supported results.

MARY ELLEN WILSON AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the prevention of child abuse and strengthening families at a community level.

Eligibility Criteria: None.

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OUTSTANDING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION OR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

This award recognizes an exceptional program that focuses on the prevention of child maltreatment and supports vulnerable families.

Eligibility Criteria: This program has been in existence for two years and has results supported by data.

Attributes to be considered: 1) extraordinary service provisions that have led to better than anticipated, data-supported outcomes; 2) innovative partnerships that have allowed more clients to be served, has increased services that are offered to clients, or has improved the quality of the services provided; 3) has utilized a continual quality improvement practice to solve an ongoing programmatic problem; and/or 4) has involved parents in a meaningful way in the creation or maintenance of the services provided.

JULIE L. BONNER NURSE AWARD

This award recognizes a nurse that empowers parents to care for themselves while creating safe, healthy, nurturing relationships and environments for children.

Eligibility Criteria: This individual must be a registered nurse and have worked within an evidence-based home visiting program such as Nurse-Family Partnership (known as Children First in Oklahoma), Parents as Teachers, etc. for a minimum of two years.

Attributes to be considered: 1) has an ability to highly engage mothers/families by focusing on the clients' desires and needs; 2) implements the evidence-based home visiting model with extraordinary fidelity; 3) collaborates with peers and supervisors to develop solutions and best-practices; and/or 4) exhibits enthusiasm, professionalism, and respect for nursing.

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MILDRED RAMSEY COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or organization who has utilized innovation, relationship building, and cultural inclusion to improve the lives of children and families in the community and reduce child maltreatment.

Eligibility Criteria: None.

Attributes to be considered: 1) demonstrates a strong understanding of children and families' needs within the community; 2) serves in a manner that is sensitive and respectful to individual cultures; 3) promotes the dignity and value of those in need; 4) seeks to meet the immediate needs of others while recognizing the broader social context; 5) appreciates and promotes power of direct, one-to-one support for children and families; and/or 6) implements nontraditional and creative strategies to make a positive impact.

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