



Family Support and  
Prevention Service



## 2026 Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Awards Nomination Packet

The OSDH – Family Support & Prevention Service is currently accepting nominations for the 2026 Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Awards. Each year, we recognize outstanding efforts of organizations, individuals, or groups that promote 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.

- **Primary Prevention** is preventing the maltreatment of children before it occurs.
- **Secondary Prevention** addresses risks among specific groups to prevent child maltreatment before it occurs.
- **Tertiary Prevention** seeks to prevent child maltreatment from happening again in families where maltreatment has already occurred.

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### Award Nomination Information

#### Nominee Information

First Name	Last Name
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City	State
Zip Code	County
Phone Number	
Email	
Group or Organization the Nominee is Associated with, if applicable	

#### Nominator Information

First Name	Last Name
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City	State
Zip Code	County
Phone Number	
Email	
Group or Organization the Nominator is associated with, if applicable	

Upload: Nominee Bio		Upload: Nomination Narrative
Upload: Additional Supporting Documents, if needed	Upload: Additional Supporting Documents, if needed	Upload: Additional Supporting Documents, if needed

☐ Check the box if you would like to keep the nominator information anonymous from the nominee

## Nomination Requirements and Information

- Select the most appropriate award category for the individual, group, or program you wish to nominate. You may enter a nominee in only one category.
- All nominations must be completed and must include the following to be considered complete:
  - nominee and nominator information completed in full,
  - identification of an award category,
  - nominee bio,
  - a one to two-page narrative describing the nominee’s work and
  - up to three additional supporting documents that help to show concrete evidence of the specific nominee for the award category that was selected (links to articles, letters of recommendation,
- To request a fillable version of this nomination packet, please email the address below and include “Nomination Package Request” in the subject line.
- Award nominations **must** be submitted online using this form **no later than January 16, 2026**, to be considered.
- **Nominations that do not meet the mandatory requirements will be ineligible to be reviewed by the selection committee.**
- Nominees will be evaluated and scored according to the specific attributes listed for their award category.
- The Nomination Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nominator’s selected award category if another category is deemed more appropriate.
- All nominees and nominators will be notified of the outcome no later than **April 1, 2026**.
- The awards will be presented on Friday, April 24, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 100 at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

For questions, please contact LaChez’ English at [LachezE@health.ok.gov](mailto:LachezE@health.ok.gov)

***No submissions will be accepted after the deadline.***

## Award Categories

- Julie L. Bonner Nurse Award

This award recognizes a nurse who 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 at least two years.

**Attributes to be considered:** 1) Has an ability to highly engage mothers/families by focusing on the client's 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; 4) exhibits enthusiasm, professionalism, and respect for nursing.

- Marian Jacewitz Award

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

**Eligibility Criteria:** None.

**Attributes to be considered:** 1) has demonstrated leadership at the community level with one or more creative, innovative child maltreatment 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 an Oklahoma community; and/or 3) has assisted in securing funding efforts or brought together multiple funding sources that support activities with positive, data-supported result.

- Outstanding Community Builder Award

This award recognizes an impactful individual, group, or organization that has created and/or implemented a project, activity, or event that strengthens families at a community or neighborhood level. This Community Builder has a growth mindset and has used vision, innovation, leadership, impact, and/or social responsibilities to meet underserved children and families' immediate and/or long-term needs.

**Eligibility Criteria:** None.

**Attributes to be considered:** 1) has demonstrated creativity and effectiveness in all aspects of the project activity or event; 2) has demonstrated an innovative approach; 3) positive feedback from attendees/sponsors on how well the project, activity, or event was received; 4) has measurable outcomes and successes in terms of any of the following: attendance, funds raised, children and/or families positively impacted, or other goals met.

- Outstanding Home Visitor Award

This award recognizes a professional working as a home visitor who 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 America, Exchange Parent Aide, etc., for at least two years. This category excludes nurses working within evidence-based home visiting award models because nurses have their own category.

**Attributes to be considered:** 1) strong collaborator with a desire to see solutions for vulnerable families and community challenges; 2) avid learner seeking new skills and information to elevate their 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 community.

- Outstanding Elected Official Award

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

**Eligibility Criteria:** This individual must have been in their elected position for a minimum of one year. This individual's office can be at the local, county, or state level.

**Attributes to be considered:** 1) strong leader who brings a variety of individuals together, such as philanthropy, prevention professionals, consumers of services, and academicians, in seeking solutions for vulnerable families and systemic challenges; 2) a thoughtful decision maker who 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 toward long-term goals.

- Outstanding Family Support Program Award

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

**Eligibility Criteria:** This program has been in existence for at least 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) innovated partnerships that have allowed more clients to be served, have increased services that are offered to clients, or have 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 caregivers in a meaningful way in the creation and/or maintenance of the services provided.