



*Families as Partners Shaping
the Future in Times of Crisis*

To: Family Voices Network

Date: April 30, 2021

Family Voices Leadership Conference Award Nominations

We are seeking your nominations for Family Voices Awards to be presented during our Family Voices Leadership Conference in June 2021! The attached nomination form describes each of the potential awards and a partial list of past awardees.

We know that Family Voices Affiliates, F2Fs, and their partners on both the state and national level put forth incredible effort on behalf of children and youth with special health care needs and their families every day. Each of you works under challenging circumstances and meets those challenges in creative ways. Help us celebrate these accomplishments!

You may nominate as many folks as you would like. We look forward to hearing from you!

When completing the nomination form, **please keep in mind the following:**

1. Engage other family leaders in your state in the nomination process.
2. Be comprehensive in your nominations. Please provide documentation. Do not assume that the awards committee will be aware of the nominees' accomplishments.
3. Be sure to include correct address, phone and email address for each nominee
4. Awards will be presented during a virtual awards zoom session on Tuesday, June 15th, 5:10 – 5:30 ET.
5. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Candio at scandio@familyvoices.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, May 21, 2021. Please return to: **Sarah Candio** (scandio@familyvoices.org) Tel: (617) 780-0554.

**Family Voices
Award Nomination Form 2021**

1. Family Voices Children’s Health Partnership Award

In recognition of a champion whose partnerships with families have demonstrated the critical value of working collaboratively in order to improve healthcare services and policies for children.

Awarded to an individual, a group, or groups of families and professionals whose commitment to working in partnership has furthered the cause of children and families at the national, state, or local level.

Formerly known as our Champions of Children’s Health Award, The Vince Hutchins Angel Award, The Mary Clarkson Professional Partner Commitment to Kids Award, The Teamwork Award, The Professional Partner Award,

Past Awardees Include: William Hollinshead, M.D., RI Dept of Health, Division of Family Health; Peter Van Dyck, M.D, MCHB, HRSA, US DHHS; Carolyn Gleason, Region 10, MCHB; Doris Barnette, HRSA; Dr. James Bryant, Bureau Chief, Ohio Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps; Diane Erlandson, RN, MS, MPH; Cal Sia, MD (HI); Dr. Gil Buchanan, MD, FAAP; Pauline Lisciotta, Program Manager, NJ Department of Health & Senior Services' Family Centered Care Program & Bonnie Teman, Coordinator, Special Child Health Services Case Management; The Boys Town Institute for Child Health Improvement; Tom Tonniges; Amy Gibson; Michelle Mertz; Charles Homer, MD, CEO, National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ); Cassie Johnson, WA PAVE (posthumously); Patti Hackett; Peter Gombrich; Nick Egan; Diana Denboba, MCHB; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Tom Tonniges, MD, American Academy of Pediatrics; Treeby Brown, Association of Maternal Child Health Programs; Vince Hutchins, MD, MCHB; Chistina Bethell, Foundation for Accountability; Paul Newacheck, Institute for Health Policy Studies; University of California at San Francisco; Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation; Kathleen Kirk Bishop, DSW, Wheelock College; Jan Eldred, California Healthcare Foundation; Wendy Benz, Family Voices of Arizona at Raising Special Kids, Inc.; the New Mexico MCH Collaborative; the KASA Advisory Board and Consultants team; Family Voices Region 10: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington; Family Voices Region 8: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming; Family Voices Region 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; Renee Turchi, MD, MPH, FAAP; Georgetown University Center for Children & Families, and others.

Nomination

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

How has this nominee’s work demonstrated the value of working collaboratively in order to improve healthcare services and policies for children?

2. Family Voices Legislative Advocacy Award

In recognition of a commitment to improve health services, policies and supports for children, families, and communities at the national, state, or local level through legislative actions.

Awarded to a legislator, legislative staff, Family Voices policy champion, or advocacy partner whose efforts promote the wellbeing of children with special health care needs and their families.

Formerly known as our Outstanding Legislator Award, the Legislative Champions Award, The Commitment to Kids Award, and the Senator John Chafee Legislative Friend of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Award.

PAST AWARDEES INCLUDE: *Senator Susan Collins (ME); Senator Joe Donnelly (IN); Senator Lamar Alexander (TN); Senator Bob Casey (PA); Senator Heidi Heitkamp (ND); Senator John McCain (AZ); Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK); Senator Patty Murray (WA); Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ); Representative Greg Walden (OR); Senator Robert Menendez (NJ); Congressman Patrick Kennedy (RI), Representative Eileen Naughton (RI), Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM), Senator Daniel Inouye (HI); Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (NY); Senator Tom Harkin (IA); Senator Orrin Hatch (UT); Senator Bob Kerrey (NE); Senator Charles Grassley (IA); Senator Ted Kennedy (MA); Congressman Rick Lazio (NY); Congressman Ted Strickland (OH); Senator Jim Jeffords (VT); Senator John Chafee, (RI, posthumously); Congressman Pete Sessions (TX); Senator Byron Dorgan (ND); Senator Kent Conrad (ND); Congressman Earl Pomeroy (ND); Senator Tom Daschle (SD); Senator Tim Johnson (SD); Representative Henry Waxman (CA); Senator Ron Wyden (OR); Connie Garner, former Policy Director for Disability and Special Populations to the US Senate Committee on health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) and staff to the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts; Rodney Whitlock, former Health Policy Advisor and Acting Health Policy Director for Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee; Cindy Mann, former Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services and Founder and Director of the Center for Children and Families at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute; Kennedy Fellow for Sen. Jay Rockefeller; Ellen Murray & Jane Day, Staff to Senate Appropriations Committee; Hope Hegstrom, Senator Grassley's Office, Pete Willson, NACHRI; Karen Davenport, Senator Bob Kerrey's office; Bruce Lesley, Office of Congresswoman Diana DeGette; Claire Kelley, NACHRI, Laurael Stine, The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Little Lobbyists, and others.*

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Address:

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How has this nominee demonstrated their commitment to improve health services, policies and supports for children, families, and communities at the national, state, or local level through legislative actions?

3. Family Voices Leadership Award

In recognition of outstanding family or youth leadership, critical to achieving Family Voices mission and goals in advancing whildren's wealth and wellbeing.

Awarded to an established or emerging Family Voices adult or youth leader whose priorities and goals for children and families at the local, state, or national level inspire others' commitment and action.

Formerly known as the Polly Arango Leadership Award.

PAST AWARDEES INCLUDE: The Gina Pola-Money & Anthon Money Family (UT); The Cheryl & Daniel Dinnell Family; the Bob & Conni Wells Family; Phyllis Landry-Ratcliff, Family Voices Louisiana; Sue Badeau, Pennsylvania Family Voices State Coordinator; Marcia O'Malley (NV), and others.

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Address:

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How has this family or youth nominee demonstrated outstanding leadership, critical to achieving Family Voices Mission and Goals in advancing children’s health and wellbeing?

4. Family Voices Health Equity Champion Award

In recognition of the Family Voices vision that all children and youth will reach their full potential and that *health disparities will be eliminated.*

Awarded to an individual or organization(s) whose work addresses overcoming barriers to achieving health equity for children and youth with special health care needs.

Nomination

Name:

Address:

Phone:

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How has this nominee’s work addressed overcoming barriers to achieving health equity for children and youth with special health care needs.