



NICHQ Outstanding Contribution to a Childhood Obesity Program

Criterion for NICHQ Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Childhood Obesity Program

NICHQ understands that it is only through the combined efforts of many individuals, practices, and programs nationwide that positive change in childhood obesity care. The award recognizes programs that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide service, support and intellectual capital to partnerships on a regional or national level that substantially improved quality healthcare for children in the United States.

Award Criteria

The recipient should be a program that has impacted childhood obesity in the population through clinic and/or community interventions by advancing partnerships between clinicians, other professionals and lay participants, including the community and families. Nominees must have made significant contributions to their communities in a real and sustainable way through the use of quality improvement methodology, including metric driven results or showing positive outcomes within the targeted population. The recipient can be a clinical, grassroots or advocacy program in locations such as, but not limited to, community centers, gyms, health centers, hospitals, etc.

The NICHQ Outstanding Contribution to a Childhood Obesity Program recognizes teams whose work demonstrates the following characteristics:

- Innovative
- Multidisciplinary
- Sustainable
- Inclusion of parent as well as kids in design and implementation
- Fostering collaborative efforts between clinical and community policy interventions
- Systems oriented
- Social justice - promoting equity in care and outcomes
- Replicable



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Nominators should send a letter of nomination indicating the nominee's name, current and relevant previous organizational affiliations and position's as well as relevant indicators of national leadership (e.g., committee or leadership positions) to the Award Selection committee by email at forum@nichq.org. The letter should describe the nominee's accomplishments in improving children's healthcare, and how these accomplishments demonstrate the characteristics described above. The contact information for two personal references of the nominee should also be provided. Self nominations are invited.

The award will be presented at NICHQ's Annual Forum for Improving Children's Healthcare and Childhood Obesity Congress at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia, being held March 8-11, 2010.

The Award

The award consists of an elegant original sculpture with the individual's name inscribed in the base. The award presentation will be held on Tuesday evening, March 9, 2010. In addition to the award, the recipient will receive complementary registration to attend the forum, travel and accommodations. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

For questions about this award, please contact: Laura Falvey, Project Coordinator at LFalvey@nichq.org, 617-391-2712 or Mary Hathaway-Evans, Director of Training and Curriculum Development at mhathawayevans@nichq.org, 617-391-2716.

About NICHQ

Founded in 1999, NICHQ's mission is to eliminate the gap between what is and what can be in health care for all children. Over the past seven years, through the expertise of clinical and improvement leaders and parents, NICHQ has directly shaped the quality of care for children and youth in the areas of asthma, diabetes, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, cystic fibrosis, hearing loss, epilepsy, obesity, and prevention.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010.