



Outstanding Family Leader Achievement

Criterion for NICHQ Award for Outstanding Family Leader Achievement

The role of parents and families in the healthcare system is now being recognized as an integral part of process to improve children's healthcare. The award recognizes individuals who have inspired, created or participated in local, regional or national work that substantially improves partnerships consisting of families and healthcare providers resulting in quality healthcare for children in the United States.

Award Criteria

The award recipient should be an individual who has shown substantial leadership in advancing partnerships and support networks for parents and family members of children with special healthcare needs. Nominees must have made a significant contribution to improving the quality and safety of healthcare for children through the creation or participation in a program and/or series of projects that foster collaboration of all participants.

The NICHQ Award for Outstanding Family Leader Achievement recognizes individuals whose work demonstrates the following characteristics:

- Multidisciplinary
- Fostering collaborative efforts
- Focused on community
- Promoting equity in care and outcomes
- Systems oriented
- Family Centered

The collective work of the award recipient should contribute towards the development of a health system that is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable for all patients and populations, particularly children.

Nomination Process

Nominators should send a letter of nomination indicating the nominee's name, current and relevant previous organizational affiliations and positions as well as relevant indicators of national leadership (e.g., committee or leadership positions) to the Award Selection Committee at forum@nichq.org. The letter should describe the



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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 Hyatt Regency Atlanta on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia. The forum will be held March 8-11, 2010.

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.

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.

About NICHQ

Founded in 1999, the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) is an action-oriented organization dedicated to achieving a world in which all children receive the healthcare they need. Led by experienced pediatric healthcare professionals, NICHQ's mission is to improve children's health by improving the systems responsible for the delivery of children's healthcare. For more information, visit www.nichq.org.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010.