



Awards of Excellence

Invitation to Nominate

Looking to recognize your staff, volunteers, directors, colleagues and advocates with over 1,000 friends of the human services sector?

Interested in thanking a legislator, business partner, state employee or municipal official?

Nominate them today for an ***Award of Excellence!***



45th Annual Convention & Expo
Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston
October 28, 2020



There are many individuals and organizations that deserve to be honored for their creativity, contributions and accomplishments within the private provider industry or in support of it. They set standards of excellence in our community-based sector.

We invite you to nominate those individuals within your agency and in the community who make a difference for this important honor. Help us recognize these organizations and individuals in October with a 2020 Award of Excellence.

AWARDS

* Chief Executive Officer

* Supervisor/Manager

The Council annually recognizes excellence in the human service profession by presenting awards to our sector's leadership. Each year, a chief executive officer or executive director and a supervisor or manager are honored for their outstanding contributions to serving those in need.

* Gerry Wright Direct Service Professional

Direct service professionals provide essential supports, services, and above all, care to individuals with varying needs. Two awards are given to direct service employees to fully recognize their dedication.

* Volunteer of the Year

Volunteers give freely of their time, talent and energy to human services organizations. This award will be given to a person for exemplary volunteerism within a private provider agency.

* Ruth M. Batson Advocate of the Year

Advocates work tirelessly to secure the funding, services and supports that are necessary for people to reach their greatest potential. This award is given to an individual who demonstrates conviction, devotion and tenacity in fighting for necessary resources.

* Innovator of the Year

Innovative business models and practices can promote greater value and increase the social impact of our members. This award is given *to an organization* that has launched or grown an innovative program.

* State Employee of the Year

Provider employees work in partnership with state employees. This award will honor a state employee who has contributed significantly to the advancement of the provider industry.

* Legislators of the Year

Providers often work closely with legislators throughout the year on matters that impact the sector. This award will honor a state representative and a state senator for their outstanding contributions to the industry.

* Municipal Official of the Year

Working relationships with local elected officials are frequently key to provider success. This award will honor a municipal official for outstanding contributions to the industry.

* Business Partnership

Providers work in partnership with vendors and receive significant help from corporate partners. This award will be given to a business that has worked to promote or better the industry.

* Media

The media plays a large role in the public's perception of the industry. This award will be given for reporting of an industry issue that has positively contributed to the public's understanding of human services.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

- Awards will honor individuals for performance between June 1, 2019 & June 1, 2020.
- Only **member agency** employees are eligible for the Chief Executive Officer Award, Supervisor/Manager Award and *Gerry Wright* Direct Service Professional Award. Only member **organizations** are eligible for the Innovator of the Year Award.
- Only Providers' Council members in good standing are eligible to make nominations.
- Any provider vendor is eligible for the Business Partnership Award.
- Each Council member organization may only make two nominations per category.
- Nominations may only be completed online at our website. Please visit www.providers.org/awards to fill out a nomination. Hard copy nominations via fax or U.S. mail will not be accepted.
- Deadline for all nominations is June 26, 2020.
- Awardees will be honored at the Annual Convention and Expo on October 28, 2020 at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel.



NOMINEE INFORMATION

Please fill out our online form at www.providers.org/awards seeking the following information:

Award Nominee, Nominee's Agency, Nominee's Position/Title, Nominee's Address, Nominee's Phone, Nominee's E-mail Address

Nominating Agency, Contact Person, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Fax and Email Address

You will be asked to answer the following questions on the web form.

- How long has the nominee worked at/been involved with the agency? In what capacities?
- Please provide a brief description of the nominee's job responsibilities/actions taken.
- How has the nominee distinguished himself/herself? What are some specific accomplishments from the past year?
- Please provide three reasons you are nominating this person for this award.

For *Innovator* or *Business Partner* awards, please answer: How has the organization worked effectively with your organization? For how long? What were its efforts on your behalf? What are its accomplishments over the past year? What are three reasons you're nominating the company?

**Please fill out the online form before Friday, June 26 at:
www.providers.org/awards**

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PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS' COMMENTS

"Winning the Supervisor of the Year Award meant so much to me. To be recognized for the work I do is special. It's even more meaningful that I was nominated by my agency. Every day, I wake up with the attitude that I can make a difference in someone's life. I will continue to work, advocate, model, teach and train our employees and individuals to be the best 'Change Agents' they can be. What an awesome experience."

Kingsley Brown • Residential Manager, TILL, Inc.
2017 Supervisor of the Year Award



"Receiving the Gerry Wright award last year shows that my contributions to the human services are not overlooked, but acknowledged and appreciated. In a field where "thank you" can often times go unsaid, it was great to feel like my contributions were recognized for others to see."

Toya Walker Sanon • Direct Care Worker, Children's Services of Roxbury
2016 Gerry Wright Direct Service Employee Award



"It was a very nice surprise to be nominated and then selected as the recipient of the Providers' Council Business Partnership Award for 2015. The actual presentation of the award in October 2015 was extremely uplifting, and it is an honor that I am extremely proud of!"

Paul Everett • Director of Human Resources, Granite City Electric Supply, Co.
2015 Business Partnership Award



"Receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2014 was a wonderful and totally unexpected surprise. Being so involved with the activity that landed me the nomination — working with the subjects of the "Who I Am" portrait project with Advocates — was always a tremendous reward in itself. To receive public recognition from such a fine and respected organization was humbling and made me realize that what you do touches many people indeed. It was much appreciated and a highpoint of my five years of work."

Bill Davison • Volunteer Board Member, Advocates, Inc.
2014 Volunteer of the Year Award

