

Southern Ohio NAEYC Week of the Young Child
"Friend of Children" Awards
2008

Award Overview

Early childhood advocacy, excellence, and professionalism are asset builders for southern Ohio's future and the future of the world. The Southern Ohio NAEYC "Friend of Children" Awards celebrate those committed to this end. Honorees will be recognized at Shawnee State University's Early Childhood "Fabulous Friday" Regional Campus Conference on Friday, April 18, 2008 at the "Friend of Children" luncheon. Consider nominating individuals or organizations and honoring those who honor our most precious resource...young children.

Description of Awards

Organization:

Recognizes an organization that has made significant contributions to early childhood education; that has had an impact on the needs, rights, and well being of children through their support of an area program or programs.

Practitioner:

Recognizes an individual who works directly with children birth to Grade 3 from full day child care centers, half day preschool programs, home providers, public preschools, and public school kindergarten-third grade teachers i.e., teacher, teaching assistant, administrator, bus driver, cook, volunteer.

Advocate (Citizen):

Recognizes outstanding contributions to a program or community by advancing the cause of and making a difference in the lives of children and families i.e., public servant, university faculty, directors, principals, volunteers.

Nomination Criteria

This is not a self-nomination process. You may submit nominations for more than one award category. Encourage colleagues to endorse your award nominee by submitting their own nomination form.

For an educator, administrator, parent, community member, volunteer, or faculty member to be considered for one of the three awards, the completed nomination and typed (word processed) letter of support must identify why you think the nominee deserves a "Friend of Children" award and address how the nominee meets the nomination criteria:

- **F** **Fosters** the well being of children birth to eight years of age;
- **R** **Recognizes** the importance of giving back to others and in so doing, gives back to their community as well;
- **I** **Is** a team player who demonstrates collaboration and an ability to listen and learn from others;
- **E** **Exemplifies** a commitment to promoting quality early care and education;
- **N** **Noted** for their servant leadership (*leads by doing*), providing program support while support-building;
- **D** **Demonstrates** vision, inspiration, direction, and support

Nomination Procedures

Each completed nomination form must be accompanied by a letter of support which should address each of the criteria and be mailed by **March 14, 2008** to:

Shawnee State University Outreach Services
 “Friend of Children” Awards
 Attention Ginnie Moore
 940 Second Street
 Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Selection Process

A panel selected by the regional Week of the Young Child planning team will review the applications. The Review Panel will include a program representative from:

- Head Start
- Scioto County Board of MR/DD
- Portsmouth City Schools
- South Central Ohio Educational Service Center
- Shawnee State University
- SSU Outreach Services
- Ohio Department of Job & Family Services



Upon receipt of the nominations, the panel will:

- Review the applications;
- Select the finalists based on the nomination criteria/reference letters;
- Interviews may be conducted;
- Honorees will be notified in writing.

Award Process

The awards will be presented to the honorees at Shawnee State University’s Early Childhood “Fabulous Friday” Regional Campus Conference on Friday, April 18, 2008 at the “Friend of Children” luncheon.

Deadline to Submit

Nominations for the Friend of Children award must be received by **March 14, 2008**.

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Nominee's Name: _____

Company/Program: _____

Company/Program Address:

Home Address:

Email Address: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Evening Telephone: _____

1. Category for which individual is being nominated (check one)

- Organization
 Practitioner
 Advocate (Citizen)

2. Nominator Information

Nominee's Name: _____

Company/Program: _____

Company/Program Address:

Home Address:

Email Address: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Evening Telephone: _____



Send Applications to:

Shawnee State University
University Outreach Services
“Friend of Children” Awards
Attention Ginnie Moore
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Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

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