



ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

EXCELLENCE IN STATE MCH LEADERSHIP AWARD

For an outstanding state MCH professional whose career has made significant contributions to the health of women, children and families in their state.

Background

This award recognizes an outstanding state MCH professional whose career in MCH has made significant contributions to their state's MCH program, state maternal and child health outcomes, and made other significant contributions to promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state. The awardee is an effective MCH leader, exhibiting competency in many if not all of the MCH Leadership Competencies.

One award will be made annually from a pool of nominations solicited nationwide.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be an AMCHP member OR their organization/agency must be an AMCHP member at the time of the nomination.
- Individuals employed by a state health agency whose mission focuses on MCH issues.
- If the nominee is not a Title V/MCH/CYSHCN director or AMCHP Delegate a letter supporting the nomination must be submitted by the state Title V/MCH/CYSHCN director or a state AMCHP Delegate.

Selection Process

Nominations for the award must be received on or before September 15, and submitted directly to the AMCHP Governance Committee which will review nominations and make a recommendation to the AMCHP Board for final approval.

Review Criteria

There are no specific rating criteria for this award. Rather, nominations should provide a holistic description of how the nominee made significant and/or outstanding contributions to their state MCH program. This description should be provided in the narrative section of the Nominations Form. Nominators should also refer to the *MCH Leadership Competencies, Version 3.0*, in their

description and focus on how the individual demonstrates excellence in relevant MCH Leadership Competency areas. Specific examples of demonstrated competency are useful to the review committee in assessing each nomination. These areas include:

- MCH Knowledge base
- Self Reflection
- Ethics & Professionalism
- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Negotiation & Conflict Resolution
- Cultural Competency
- Family Centered Care
- Developing Others through Teaching and Mentoring
- Interdisciplinary Team Building
- Working with Communities and Systems
- Policy & Advocacy

Refer to the Leadership Competencies website for more information, available on-line at:
http://leadership.mchtraining.net/mchlc_docs/mch_leadership_comp_3-0.pdf

Prior Awardees

None, this is a new award.

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