



2020 PENNSYLVANIA PERMANENCY CONFERENCE

Nomination Form for Outstanding Permanency Services to Children and Families in the Pennsylvania Child Welfare System

Submissions Due By January 29, 2020

Nominee:

(Nominees may be individuals, families, agencies, or other professional teams or organizations.)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Agency/Team/Org

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

Affiliation: (if applicable)

(agency, church, support group, organization, business, etc.)

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Daytime Phone: Email:

Person Submitting Nomination:

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

Affiliation: (if applicable)

(agency, church, support group, organization, business, etc.)

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Daytime Phone: Email:

(Please provide the best contact number for any follow-up questions.)

Award Nomination Category:

Check the category for which you are nominating this person, family, agency, team or organization. You must **choose only one category** per submission; however, you may submit multiple nominations.

County Collaborative Recognition

This award recognizes a collaborative effort between a county court and a county children and youth agency that expedites permanency through adoption, formal kinship care or permanent legal guardianship. This nomination should focus on demonstrating best practice and consistent decision-making, not necessarily the number of finalizations achieved.

Philanthropy Recognition

The individual, business, church or organization nominated for this award should demonstrate a charitable contribution or volunteer efforts that promote the permanency of children in foster care. The works or endeavors undertaken can be in the form of awareness; recruitment; financial aid; non-financial donations (e.g., time, banquet facility, photographers); endowments; gifts; scholarships; and other charitable support that is not recognized in any of the other award categories.

Permanency Advocate Recognition

This category recognizes a dynamic individual or organization that does not fit the criteria of the other categories. Nominees may include parents; judges; attorneys; and other individuals or organizations that, through their professional or volunteer efforts, have had an impact on system change, judicial improvement, service delivery or family support either locally or throughout the state of Pennsylvania. This person or organization demonstrates a commitment to building cooperative relationships that expedite the process of finding permanency through adoption, formal kinship care, permanent legal guardianship or independent living for children in the child welfare system.

Youth Advocate Recognition

The individual nominated for this award must be a current or former foster youth who has raised awareness about the challenges of foster care. Nominations should describe the youth's efforts in leadership, innovation and advocacy on behalf of themselves and/or their peers in the system.

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Independent Living Professional Recognition

The individual nominated for this award should work in a public or private child welfare agency* and should demonstrate support for and commitment to older youth. Nominations should document how the individual has helped youth transition from substitute care and into successful contributing members of society.

Permanent Family Recognition

Families nominated for this award will have provided legalized permanency for a child or children in the child welfare system through adoption, formal kinship care or permanent legal custodianship. Additional consideration may be given to families who show commitment to our children through the level of energy they devote to advocating and promoting permanency, and who can communicate their experiences and perspectives to other parents and professionals.

Permanency Teamwork Recognition

Teams nominated for this award should exemplify a collaborative effort that promotes permanency for children with special needs. Teams will be considered for their work in any facet of the permanency continuum, including: Preparation, Legalization, Finalization and Post-permanency services. Teams may include public and private child welfare workers*, support group members, Post-permanency providers, foster or formal kinship parents, advocates, independent living workers, and other individuals. The team must include two or more individuals who do not work for the same agency, organization or entity.

Permanency Professional Recognition

The individual nominated for this award should be permanency professionals working in a public or private child welfare agency* who have actively demonstrated their support and commitment to finding permanency for children in the child welfare system through adoption, formal kinship care or permanent legal custodianship.

***Public or private child welfare worker includes: those working in adoption, permanent legal custodianship, formal kinship, foster care, in-home services, independent living services or any recognized child welfare position.**

Nomination Details:

The 2020 Pennsylvania Permanency Conference award winners will be selected based on the contents of the nomination submission. Provide an overview of the nominee and why you are nominating them on the next page or in a separate attachment. Please consider the following criteria when submitting:

- Describe the nominee with concise details of their exemplary accomplishments and contributions to the overall impact of promoting permanency.
- Try to provide compelling and personal examples that convey the impact of their work and their character, compassion, and commitment to improving the lives of children and families.
- In addition to a written overview, submissions may include multimedia links (do not send any audio or video files, discs, or drives), photographs, bullet points, graphs, and media articles.
- Remember to address the reason for your nomination in the selected award category and why the nominee stands out “above and beyond” others in their field.

Enter an overview of your nominee in the box below. The overview should not exceed 500 words.

Current Word Count: 0/500 (To check your word count, right-click on the yellow field and select **Update field.**)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 29, 2020

Email completed form with statement to conferencing@diakon-swan.org.

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