



Children's Champion Award Categories

The ***Phyllis Helbraun Award***: to an individual for a body of distinguished service, over many years, to the early childhood or school age care community. We are looking for someone who has improved the delivery of services for children on a countywide, state, or national level.

The ***Rookie of the Year Award***: to an individual who has entered the field within the last three years, has shown outstanding ability and demonstrated a commitment to a career working with children. This nomination should describe the candidate's capabilities with children and evidence of professional growth.

The ***Dynamic Group Award***: to a group of individuals who have worked together as a team to improve the lives of children. This nomination should describe specific outstanding innovative projects and/or programs undertaken by this team. Please list all the team members and their roles.

The ***Champion in the Trenches Award***: to an individual who is working directly with children in a classroom, a family child care home or school age care setting. This nomination should describe the candidate's work with children and how that demonstrates his/her exceptional commitment to giving every child and family the opportunity to thrive. The candidate must have a minimum of five years experience.

It Takes a Community Award: to an individual who has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of children and families outside of the early care and education community. This nomination should specifically describe how the individual has extended him or herself to make life better for children and families in Rockland.