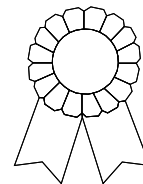




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FOSTER CARE WORKER OF THE YEAR

Beginning in November 2009, and then annually, the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) will recognize one foster care worker for exemplary work on behalf of the foster care children we serve. Nominations may be submitted by child welfare agencies, local courts, CASA's, foster parents, FCRB review board members and staff, or any interested person familiar with the nominee. The FCRB will accept nomination forms from June 1 through September 18, 2009. They may be submitted by email (preferred), fax, or postal service to the addresses shown at the bottom of this page. Blank nomination forms are available on the Foster Care Review Board program page of the Michigan Courts web site at <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/fcrb/fcrb.htm>.

Persons interested in nominating a foster care worker for this award should carefully consider the nominee's characteristics. The following excerpt from an FCRB Annual Report describes some of the attributes of effective caseworkers:

Successful caseworkers are effective communicators and resourceful advocates for the families they serve. They know the impact that abuse and neglect can have on the emotional well-being of children. They have learned how to draw the line between being supportive versus creating unhealthy dependent relationships. They know how to gain access to the services in their communities. They understand the legal framework within which child protection cases take place. They have honed the skills to know when, and under what circumstances, to continue reunification efforts and when other avenues need to be pursued to achieve permanency for children.

The recipient of this award will further exemplify the following attributes:

- A caring and professional approach in working with children, families, courts, service providers, FCRB volunteers, foster parents, relative caregivers, and/or fictive kin.
- Tireless advocacy for services needed by parents, foster parents, relative caregivers, fictive kin, and children.
- Effective problem solving and case management practices.
- Advocacy for improved child welfare services in the community.
- At least five years of child welfare experience.

You are encouraged to nominate any foster care worker who meets the above criteria. The recipient of this award will be selected by a committee comprised of FCRB board members, advisory committee professionals and advocates, child welfare professionals, and FCRB program staff. The recipient of the award will be recognized at the FCRB annual training conference in early November.

Please submit the attached nomination form via email, fax, or postal service **no later than September 18, 2009**, to:

Email (preferred):
FalconelloK@courts.mi.gov

Fax:
313-972-3289

Mail:
FCRB Award Nomination
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NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee:

Nominator:

Name

Name

Company/Agency

Company/Agency

Address

Address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

County

County

Phone

Phone

Email

Email

Nominee's years of experience nominee as a Foster Care Worker:

Nominee's agency background and experience:

Outstanding leadership and problem-solving abilities:

Service to, and advocacy for, clients:

Significant contributions to the profession and/or community related to child welfare:

Additional significant contributions and/or achievements: