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DIRECT SUPPORT

Professionals

recognition award

About the Award

IRWIN SIEGEL AGENCY, INC. is pleased to have created and sponsored this award since 2000 and looks forward to another great year of 'Supporting Those Who Support Others™.' Without competent and caring direct support staff, quality outcomes for people with disabilities would be limited, and achieving independence would be increasingly difficult. This is a great opportunity to recognize a direct support professional from your agency. A person who has demonstrated an exemplary level of performance over the course of his/her employment, and who has consistently demonstrated his/her commitment to improving the quality of life for the consumer(s) he/she supports.

Criteria for Selection

- **Self-Determination** - Nominee demonstrates commitment to supporting self-determination, self-esteem, and meaningful choices for people with disabilities.
- **Leadership** - Nominee exhibits leadership qualities with peers and within his or her work environment. Nominee serves as a role model for others.
- **Inclusion** - Nominee facilitates inclusion of people with disabilities within all aspects of community life.
- **Professional Development** - Nominee demonstrates commitment to his or her professional development by continuing to seek knowledge and gain skills in the field.
- **Provision of Direct Support** - Nominee provides direct support in a manner that respects the dignity, culture and rights of people with disabilities. Nominee must be currently employed (minimum of one year) with one of our insured service providers, and must work in a direct care position.

Submissions

Please include the following information in submission package.

Limit of 5 submissions per organization, please.

Deadline for submissions is August 15th

Questions

- Why does the nominee qualify as an outstanding direct support professional?
- In what ways does the nominee demonstrate qualities noted in the selection criteria for this award?
- Please tell us about the professional and personal accomplishments of the nominee.

Additional Materials Should Include:

- A narrative by the *nominated direct support professional* on their suggestions for encouraging people to make direct support a career.
- A photo of the direct support professional and the consumer(s) they serve should be included with the application.
(Your agency is responsible for obtaining necessary permission for use of any photos and due to processing, photos will not be returned).

Award

- All winners will be listed in upcoming Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc. newsletters and on ISA's website - www.siegelagency.com.
- The winners will each receive \$500, a commemorative certificate, and a subscription to **Frontline Initiative**, the newsletter for and by Direct Support Professionals.
- The winners' pictures will also appear in various state and national ads and resources throughout the year.
- The runners-up will each receive \$250, a commemorative certificate, and a subscription to **Frontline Initiative** (www.nadsp.org).

Applications must be received by August 15th

Please mail completed application to:

Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc.
Marketing Department
25 Lake Louise Marie Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775

If there are any questions please call 1-800-622-8272

Application Form

Please include the following information in submission package.
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- **Executive Director's Narrative**
- **DSP's Narrative**
- **Photo of DSP and Consumer(s)**
- **Release to use photos**
- **2 Letters of Support**

Biographical Information: (Please print)

Nominee's Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Agency: _____

Office Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Office Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of person submitting the form: _____

Job Title: _____

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