

ND Family Based Services Association

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History of Annual Award Winners

Each year, at an annual meeting, the North Dakota Family Based Services Association is pleased to recognize individuals and programs who have made an exceptional difference in the lives of North Dakota families.

The awards are given based on supporting family based programs in their field of practice, enhancing the visibility of family based services in North Dakota and promoting the mission of the NDFBSA. Professionals and families in North Dakota can nominate deserving individuals and programs for consideration.

Nominees are first nominated by the provided form. In addition to the initial nomination that nominator solicits at least two(2) letters of support. All nominating letters of support are submit to the President Elect who then presents to the NDFBSA Board of Directors for selection.

North Dakota Family Based Services Association Award categories are:

- **Provider Award** – for an individual who has exemplified the Family Based Services philosophy in their professional practice.
- **President’s Award** – a discretionary award, used by the NDFBSA Board to identify individuals or programs that excelled in providing family based services over time. Nominations come from within the Board of Directors.
- **Program Award** – for outstanding or innovative family services or for a program that fills a gap in the existing services.
- **Lifetime Membership Award** – for an individual who has provided a minimum of seven years of meritorious service and/or employment in support of Family Based Services philosophy. This recipient will be awarded a lifetime membership free of charge.
- **Special Recognition Award** – Person or program that is innovative and responsive to immediate needs or current issues in keeping with a Family Based Services philosophy

Year	Provider Award	Presidents Award	Program Award	Lifetime Award	Special Recognition Award
1988					Paul Ronningen - <i>Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services</i>
1989	Wayne Martinsen - <i>The Village Family Service Center,</i> Don Schmid - <i>Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services,</i> Alice Pjorlie - <i>Stark County Social Services</i>	Pat Podoll - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>	The Village Family Services Intensive In-Home Family Program		The provision of Intensive In-Home Treatment, Parent-Aide Services and Prime Time Day Care - <i>Grand Forks, Cass, Ramsey, Richland, Rolette, and Steele Counties Social Services</i>

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1990	Dale Twedt -The Village Family Service Center, Pat Podoll - Continuing her education Betty Keegan - Rolette County Social Services, Irene Dybwad - Grand Forks County Social Services	Tom Jensen - Cass County Social Services			Fargo Forum
1991	Kathy Suedell - Cass County Social Services	Rita Fox - Burleigh County Social Services			
1992	Duane Gourneau - The Village Family Services, Joan Siemieniewski - Richland County Social Services, Carol Meshefski - Families First, Region IV	Bill Kerzman - Lake Region Human Service Center		Paul Ronningen - Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services, Rita Fox - Burleigh County Social Services	Bill Metcalfe -The Village Family Service Center
1993	Gwen Schlickemeyer - Burleigh County Social Services, Reiner Lobitz - Cass County Social Services	Jeff Moe -The Village Family Service Center		Don Schmid - Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services, Bill Kerzman - Lake Region Human Service Center	Robin Huebner - KTHI TV for Family Works Series, Gail Stewart-Hand - Grand Forks Herald
1994	Ruth Boubin -The Village Family Service Center, Tara Mulhauser - Children and Families Services Training Center, UND	Sandi Zaleski -The Village Family Service Center	ND Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services Division		

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1995	Melody King - <i>Pembina County Social Services</i>	Joan Shulind - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>	Nurturing Network		Gladys Cairns - <i>Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services</i>
1996	Eloise Olson - <i>Barnes County Social Services,</i> Neal Tepper - <i>North East Human Service Center</i>	Carol Meshefski -Families First, Region IV	Parent Education Resource Center in Grand Forks <i>(Carol Helland)</i> Parent Resource Center of Region V <i>(Pam Bernstein)</i>		
1997	Ellen Pasche - <i>Bottineau County Social Services</i>	Pete Tunseth -Children and Families Services Training Center, UND		Pat Podoll - <i>Cass County Social Services</i>	
1998	Diane Bratlie - <i>Walsh County Social Services,</i> Susan Martin Shipp - <i>Ward County Social Services</i>	Kathleen Carpenter - <i>Pembina County Social Services</i>	First Step, Williams County	Neal Tepper - <i>North East Human Service Center</i>	Disaster Outreach Team, Grand Forks
1999	Kathleen Carpenter - <i>Pembina County Social Services</i>	Dione Cox - <i>Lutheran Social Services</i>		Kathy Neideffer -Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services, Pete Tunseth - <i>Children and Families Services Training Center, UND</i>	
2000	Maureen Haman - <i>Badlands Human Service Center,</i> Sandi Christopherson - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>		Partnership Program	Chuck Sommers - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>	Betty Keegan - <i>Rolette County Social Services</i>

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2001				Dione Cox - <i>Lutheran Social Services</i>	
2002	Sandy Brooks - <i>Cavalier County Social Services</i>		Parent Aide Services of Cass County and CSCC	Dale Twedt - <i>PATH of ND</i> Linda Gertz - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>	
2003	Shari Fiedler - <i>Grand Forks County Social Services</i>		Family Preservation Services	Ginny Leon - <i>Cass County Social Services,</i> Sandy Gardner - <i>Cass County Social Services</i>	Lake Region HSC, Badlands HSC, North East HSC, South East HSC
2004	Gerald Harrington - <i>Lutheran Social Services</i>		Divert Program - <i>Lutheran Social Services</i>	Ruth Lee - <i>Steele County Social Services,</i> Kathy Suedel - <i>Cass County Social Services</i>	Jackie Roberts - <i>Traill County Social Services</i>
2005	Barb Ritter - <i>Dickey/LaMoure County Social Services,</i> Karen O'Brien - <i>Badlands Human Service Center</i>			Lynda Vistad - <i>South East Human Service Center,</i> Shelia Schnabel - <i>Jamestown Attendant Care</i>	Kathy Neideffer - <i>Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services</i>
2006	Roxanne Sauter - <i>West Central Human Service Center</i>			Gladys Cairns - <i>Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services,</i> Phil Brossart - <i>South Central Human Service Center,</i> Beverly Bohn - <i>Cass County Social Services</i>	
2007	Shonda Freitag - <i>Badlands Human Service Center</i>		Village Family Group Decision Making	Shirley Hoffarth - <i>Lutheran Social Services</i>	F/M Advertising Federation
2008	David Lundy - <i>Division of Juvenile Services</i>		MSU Social Work Program at BSC	Susan Grenz - <i>Pride</i>	

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				<i>Manchester House</i>	
2009	Marc Schwartz - <i>Badlands Human Service Center</i>	Don Snyder - <i>Family Based Services Division -ND Department of Human Services,</i> Paul Ronningen - <i>Family Based Services Division -ND Department of Human Services</i>		Kathy Neideffer <i>-Children & Family Services Division, ND Department of Human Services</i>	
2010	Peg Granlund - <i>North East Human Service Center</i>	Gary Wolsky - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>	Plus Program - <i>A collaboration between GFCSS, Healthy Families, LSS of ND, NEHSC, Red River Valley Community Action, and UND Dept. of Social Work</i>	Wendy Snyder <i>- PATH of ND</i>	
2011	Beth Desotel - <i>Cass County Social Services</i> Michelle Anderson <i>-Mercer County Youth Bureau</i>	Shirley Hoffarth <i>-Grand Forks County Social Services</i>		Roger Stansbury - <i>South East Human Service Center</i>	Bonnie Schriock - <i>North Central Human Service Center</i>
2012	Marcia Peterson - <i>West Central Human Service Center</i>		Family Decision Making - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>	Jerry Chaussee <i>-West Central Human Service Center</i>	
2013	Deb Schue - <i>Sanford Medical Center</i>			Nancy Germain <i>-AASK</i>	Charity Heding - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i>
2014	Brian & Barb Truman <i>-PATH foster parents</i>	Diana Weber <i>-Children & Family Services Division, ND Department</i>		Rita Weisz - <i>West Central Human Service Center</i>	Joan Buchhop - <i>Lutheran Social Services Disaster</i>

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		<i>of Human Services</i>			
2015	Angela Longtin <i>-North Border Schools</i>	Tony Kozojed <i>-Division of Juvenile Services</i>		Sandi Zaleski - <i>The Village Family Service Center</i> Shari Fiedler - <i>Grand Forks County Social Services</i>	
2016	Katie Renner <i>-The Village Family Services</i>			Julie Hoffman <i>-ND Department of Human Services</i> Joan Shulind <i>-Northeast Human Service Center</i>	Heather Simonich <i>-PATH, Inc</i> Children and Family Services Training Center
2017	Dennis & LuAnn Hinnenkamp <i>-Foster/Adoptive Parents</i>	Good for Nothing <i>~Jeff Knight, Alison Vetter, Max Kringen, Amber Kienenberger, Shelley Szudera, & Ben Hamilton</i>		Luke Klefstad <i>-The Village Family Service Center</i>	Jan Eliassen <i>-Gladys Ray Shelter</i>
2018	AJ Schuler <i>-The Village Family Service Center</i>		Specialized Foster Care (SCF)-PATH	Chris Martin <i>-AASK/Catholic Charities</i> Traci Van Beek <i>-Grand Forks County Social Services</i>	Sue Baron <i>-Golden Drive Homeless Kids</i>
2019	Jamie Anderson <i>-Pediatric Partners Fargo, ND</i>	Imagine Thriving: Lutheran Social Services ND		Ella Huwe <i>-Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota</i>	Christon Dallas <i>-School Resource Officer through Devils Lake Police Department</i>
2020	Bethany Peterson <i>-The Village Family Service Center</i>	ND Post Adopt Network A Service of the		Nancy Richels <i>-Partnerships (Southeast Human Services Center)</i>	Margo Barnes <i>-PATH ND Foster & Adoptive Parent</i>



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		AASK Program			
2021		Janell Regimbal	Joel Friesz <i>-Joel Friesz Facilitating and Consulting LLC</i>	Charley Joyce <i>-Charley Joyce Private Practice</i>	