



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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TRANSMITTAL DATE: July 1, 2014

TOPIC: Awards Ceremony - Direct Support Professionals & Direct Support Supervisor

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Direct Support Professionals & Direct Support Supervisor of the Year:

Nominations, Awards Ceremony & Luncheon Sponsorship, Event Information



It's that time of the year.....



Annually, we are given the opportunity to honor Direct Support Professionals and/or their Supervisors for the exceptional work they do in providing support for individuals with developmental disabilities. We are once again celebrating their dedication, commitment and excellence in caregiving.



Please share the attached flyer and [nomination forms](#) with the individuals and families you support. Nominations are due Friday August 1, 2014. For more information, call or email Nicolina Chavez at 602-542-6850 or NChavez@azdes.gov.



Take time to honor and celebrate those who continue to provide an outstanding service.

Thank you,

Family and Community Resources
Division of Developmental Disabilities



**Direct Support Professionals
and
Direct Support Supervisor of the Year
Awards Ceremony and Luncheon**

**CELEBRATE DEDICATION AND
EXCELLENCE IN CAREGIVING**

Friday, September, 26, 2014

Nominations Needed by August 1, 2014

Donations Needed – Cash or Prizes

Event Sponsors Needed

Diamond Sponsorship \$800+
Gold Sponsorship \$400
Silver Sponsorship \$200
Bronze Sponsorship \$100

Call Nicolina Chavez for Nomination Forms and Questions

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Celebrate Dedication and Excellence in Caregiving



Direct Support Professional Appreciation Day

Each year the Governor of Arizona has selected a day in the fall as Direct Support Professional Appreciation Day. As part of the festivities, a proclamation is read that emphasizes the important role the Direct Support Professionals play in Arizona social services field. This year, Direct Support Professional Appreciation Day will be September 26, 2014.

Families, guardians, self-advocates, and provider agencies are encouraged to celebrate the day and express appreciation to Direct Support Professionals for their hard work and dedication.

Nationally, Direct Support Professionals will be recognized during the week of

September 7 - 13, 2014.

Each year the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities and its partners seek nominations for excellence in caregiving Direct Support.

Professionals and Direct Support Supervisors will be honored for superior services and/or exemplary work for individuals with developmental disabilities. Division partners include: Arizona Bridge to Independent Living, the Arizona Autism Coalitions, Arizona Association of Providers for People with Developmental Disabilities, Arizona UCEDDs, Arizona Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, Raising Special Kids and the provider community for Direct Support Professionals.



**Remember !
Nominations are due by August 01, 2014**

Nomination Rules and Requirements

- 1) The nominee must spend 100% of their work time in the delivery of direct care. This includes habilitation, attendant care, day treatment, employment, or other related services. DDD Services can be provided in an individual's home, group home, day program, employment or after school program, etc. For nominated supervisors, work time must be 100% supervision of direct care.
- 2) The nominee must be currently employed in the field (*although they may now be working for another company or serving different consumers*).
- 3) Nominee must have been employed in the field for three or more years.
- 4) Nominee must be employed with a contracted agency, work as an independent provider, or be a state employee.
- 5) Nominations must be received by **Thursday, August 01, 2014.**

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Please Submit your Nominations via:

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