

The search is on for our

2012 Friends of Children



Does your child love going to child care?

Is there a community member you know who
advocates tirelessly for children?

Does your employer promote family-friendly work policies?

Honor your family's friend of children by
nominating her/him for an
Early Childhood Recognition Award



Cornell University
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Oneida County



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Uniting Parents & Child Care

Complete a nomination today
@ www.myccccc.org
or call 223-7850

2012 Early Childhood Recognition Awards

Please complete and return this nomination form to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Child Care Council—Attn: Judges Panel, 121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424

Or nominate online at www.mycccc.org

Nominations must be received in person or postmarked on or before **Monday, May 7, 2012.**

Nominations received after this date will be considered for a 2013 award.

Information for person SUBMITTING nomination:

NAME _____ TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

May we identify you as the nominator? (All nominees will be sent notice of their nomination) ___ yes ___ no

Information for NOMINEE

NAME _____ TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

The NOMINEE works in the following county: ___ Herkimer ___ Madison ___ Oneida

How do you know the nominee:

___ Co-worker ___ Nominee's employer/supervisor ___ Nominee's employee ___ Nominee's friend

___ Parent with a child in the nominee's program Other _____

Length of time you have known nominee: _____

For nomination in the Direct Service Category, please attest:

___ The individual that I am nominating is affiliated with a legal mode of child care within Herkimer, Madison or Oneida county, that is a licensed child care center, group family or family child care home, school-age child care program regulated by the Office of Children and Family Services, as program regulated by NYS Dept. of Health (such as a children's camp) or legally-exempt child care program (such as a nursery school or care for 2 or less unrelated children in a home setting).

Check the appropriate category of nomination (check only one category):

Friend of Children Award recognizes and honors the dedication of people in Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties who exemplify or promote the fundamental obligation our society has to provide children with healthy, safe quality care, either through direct or indirect services and support to families.

- ___ a. Director or assistant director of a child care center or school-age child care program
- ___ b. Teacher, assistant teacher or teacher's aide in a child care center or school-age child care program
- ___ c. Parent volunteer, senior aide, student, intern or other volunteer working with children
- ___ d. Family or group family child care provider
- ___ e. Provider or personnel who is legally-exempt (such as nursery school or children's camp)
- ___ f. Human Service Organization that demonstrates their support of children through collaboration, policy or action
- ___ g. Community member who has demonstrated excellence and leadership in the promotion, support and advocacy of quality child care
- ___ h. Posthumous—recognizes a deceased individual who exemplified support to children through direct or indirect service
- ___ i. Youth—recognizes a young adult, aged 8—17 years of age, who shows support to children through deed

II. Employer Recognition Award recognizes and honors an employer in Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties that has demonstrated leadership in establishing family-friendly policies or services for their employees with young children.

- ___ a. A child care program that demonstrates family-friendly policies, services or tuition assistance for employees with young children
- ___ b. Employer that demonstrates leadership in establishing family-friendly policies or services for their employees and their families

NOTE: We anticipate receiving a large quantity of nominations, and since we recruit volunteers from the community to serve as judges, we would like to keep the information that judges read concise. Therefore, please type or legibly print your response to each question on the nomination form at no more than 100 words per question.

Hint from the Judges' Panel: When completing the questions within the nomination form, please be as specific as possible. In the past, we have received so many wonderful commentaries about the special people who care for and about children. On many occasions, the nominations sounded nearly identical as they describe the nominees' wonder, kind and caring way with children. In writing your responses, keep in mind that you want to provide judges with that "one little added piece of information" that helps them select one nomination over the others.

For Employer nominations only:

Complete the following information in addition to the questions above.

This employer puts into place family friendly practices including:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Allows flexible schedules for working parents | <input type="checkbox"/> e. Allows family leave time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Allows job sharing (2 employees share hours of one job) | <input type="checkbox"/> f. Makes contribution of parent's child care expense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Provides benefits for full & part time staff | <input type="checkbox"/> g. Offers on-site child care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Offers dependent care tax incentives | <input type="checkbox"/> h. Other _____ |

1. Describe the reasons this employer stands out (including community involvement, advocacy for children/families, or ways in which the nominee otherwise goes above and beyond):

2. Describe what, if any, assistance the employer provides to help staff overcome personal or professional challenges or ways that the employer has made it easier for working parents to balance work and family obligations:

3. Describe at least one positive change in a child or children in the community directly attributable to the employer:

4. Describe any additional reasons the employer is deserving of this award:

5. Describe the ways in which the employer serves as a role model for other employers: