

OJFSDA 2021 ANNUAL OUTSTANDING CDJFS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION INFORMATION

The strength of the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association (OJFSDA) is in its members and the collective knowledge and leadership they exhibit. It is important for us to honor and recognize the efforts of our members and their contributions to the JFS system. This annual award is one way in which you help us do that. We ask that you review the nomination process and criteria below and consider nominating a CDJFS Director whose commitment to the profession is particularly worthy of acknowledgment.

Nomination Process:

Those currently serving as OJFSDA's Elected Officers and previous award winners still serving as Director are invited to comprise the Selection Committee tasked with reviewing all nominations and selecting one award recipient. While many Directors are deserving of this award, the Selection Committee works diligently to identify the individual of the highest professional caliber. The recipient will be notified by OJFSDA and asked to participate in March's General Session to receive the award. Those nominated but not chosen may be nominated again in subsequent years.

- ❖ **Nominations must be submitted by January 31, 2022** via the online form [HERE](#); Late submissions will **not** be accepted.
- ❖ Nominations **must** be made by at least one current CDJFS Director.
- ❖ Current OJFSDA Elected Officers are **not** eligible for nomination.
- ❖ Multiple nominations for one individual will be accepted, but the volume of nominations **does not** guarantee that that nominee will receive the award.
- ❖ Nominees **do not** have to be deeply involved in Association activities to be selected if the sum-total of their professional contributions outweigh other nominee's contributions. However, if candidates appear equally deserving, preference will be given to the candidate who has exhibited a strong commitment to OJFSDA.
- ❖ Nominations **must** include as much detail as possible and personal appraisals are factored into the selection process (please carefully consider the nomination criteria provided below when preparing and submitting your nomination).
- ❖ Self-submitted or anonymous nominations will **not** be accepted.

Previous award recipients include:

2020	Tim McCartney	2010	Paulette Stephens
2019	Beth Rubin	2009	John Fisher
2018	Kathy Oliver	2008	Deb Ortiz-Flores
2017	Kate Offenberger	2007	Jody Walker
2016	Susan Bailey-Evans	2006	Dan Willoby
2015	Dave Wigent	2005	Bob Suver
2014	Roxane Somerlot	2004	Lynn Shock
2013	Eileen Dray-Bardon	2003	Dannetta Graves
2012	Randy Cochrane	2002	Mike Paxton
2011	Robert Gallagher	2001	John Popio

Nomination Criteria:

- ❖ Special problem-solving accomplishments in CDJFS/CSEA/CSB in their county; Can range from making vast improvements in an area that had been very problematic, solving specialized or tough problems, tackling serious union issues, staffing challenges, etc.
- ❖ National, state, and/or county recognitions which have had a significant impact on job and family services or resulted in press recognitions (i.e., public radio, newspaper coverage, television interviews, etc.).
- ❖ Publications, articles, newspaper editorials, etc. (please compile and upload as **one** attachment to the online nomination form *or* send **one** email with multiple attachments to rkrelko@ojfsda.org).
- ❖ Special assistance to other counties and/or fellow directors.
- ❖ Collaborative efforts for better services delivery.
- ❖ Professional affiliations and membership in national, state, and/or local groups.
- ❖ Professional involvement in job and family services related committees, taskforces, or groups at the national, state, and/or local level.
- ❖ Holding of chairperson positions, special appointments, officer positions, or other leadership positions in job and family services related projects, committees, etc.
- ❖ Leadership in special projects and piloting of efforts that will result in a better product for all counties.
- ❖ Innovative programs, projects, and use of technology.
- ❖ OJFSDA involvement and commitment.
- ❖ Other awards and recognitions.
- ❖ Other personal or professional characteristics (i.e., academic background, teaching, personality strengths, communication style, workshop training, etc.), which contribute to outstanding performance and character.

Note: If you feel you do not know enough about the nominee's background to attest to some of the items above, you may wish to seek input from others who have worked closely with the nominee to obtain this information. However, the nomination will still be given serious consideration even without the background information if the narrative is sincere and personal.