

2004 Longevity Awards*

The Coalition pays special tribute this year to individuals and centers that have provided child care services in Sacramento County continuously for 20 years, or more.

Individual Awardees

Eleanor Acuna • Sandra Alexander • Cheryl Allen • Tracy Applewhite • Virginia Archuleta • Varinder Baidwan • Mignon Balasuriya • Mitsue Beard • Linda Bedrosian • Cheryl Bloomgren • Kathy Breed • Mary Breeding • Wilhemia Briones • Alison Brodeur • Cynthia Bullock • Shairida Carmody • Beverly Carney • Dianna Carson • Nancy Cervantes • Syble Christensen • Doris Collins • Floretta Cook • Nancy Cravenho • Sharon Cunha • Juana Diaz • Page Donaldson • Sharon Donham • Vivian Elkins • Colette Evans • Dalene Evans • Linda Forsberg • Gerilyn Fox • Beulah Friel • Lori & Fred Garcia • Marcella Garcia • Donna Gilliland • Fidelia Gonzales • Marilyn Greaves • Kathryn Haire • Elsie Hall • Sharon Hallstrom • Shirley Hampton • Sally Harkema • Cynthia Heavenston • Rose Hernandez • Sheryl & Terry Herren • Cindy Herrenschmid • Danna Immoos • Annette Jahnsen • Leila Jensen • Nancy Jimena • Tina Jimena • Sharon & Richard Jonas • Sharon Kent • Judy Kibler • Deanna King • Twyla King • Mary Konvalin • Christiane Kostecki • Allyson Kurtz • Sharon Langley • Lois Lewis • Olga Luna • Sherol Malone • Steve & Roberta Martinez • Eileen Masulo • Pamela Mayers • Dora McClurg • Patricia McCuen • Doris McCullough • Ramona Mendoza • Sally Miller • Georgia Moore • Asodomah Naidoo • Sally Nelson • Ada Nichols • Robbie Niles • Joyce Ohlson • Alice Okimura • Clare Phillips • Dorothy Pryor • Jeannine Ray • Teodolinda Rivas • Debra Rojas • Gayle Sarkissian • Janis Separovich • Willie Shedd • Joy Simmons • Ella Singleton • Susan Sparks • Margaret Stephens • Tamara Stevens • Patty Stewart • Mari Stover-Hoy • Rosa Thomas • Jean Trojan • Joann Truesdel • Christina Turco • Lupe Vasquez • Rena & Sheila Vienna • Sheila Volz • Joella Williams • Theresa Zotow

Center Awardees

Beanstalk • Busy Bee Nursery School • Citrus Heights Preschool, Inc. • Cordova Baptist Preschool Kindergarten • Countryside Montessori Preschool & Kindergarten-3r • Creative Frontiers School • Discovery Montessori • Discovery Tree Schools • Eager Beaver Child Care Center • El Rancho School • Forever Young Child Care • Green Acres Day Care • Kids' World Learning Center • Kinder Care Learning Center • Kinder World • NHDF Child Development Programs • Only Love Children's Center • Rio Linda Day Nursery School • Sutterville Preschool • Tot Town CDC

*Please note that this list was developed based on nominations received, and thus, is not all-inclusive.

2004 Nominees

Teacher of the Year

Michaela Abercrombie • Nancy Andrews • Vickie Aquino • Leanne Collester • Renee Grover • Carrie Huppert • Brenda Jacobson • Julie Kuhn • Mary Ann Loya • Sharon Nash-Kramer • Erwina Pasqual-Golamco • Earleen Pringle • Colleen Quigley • Monica Rodriguez • Kimberly Troie Norton-Smith

Family Child Care Provider of the Year

Pat & Ed Alexander • Angela & Mario Cede #10 • Vanessa Dickson • Deborah Elliott • Michael Fournier • Maria Elena Gamboa • Varetta Gardner • Evelyn Gipson • Anna Gulegin • Samina Khan • Shirley Laguna • Larisa Lyubasyuk • Linda March • Toni Minasian-Presti • Renee Ofenham • Rosemarie Peebles • Patricia Roundtree Rivers • Jaginder Rye • Gayle Sarkissian • Susan Sparks • Thuy-Phuong Tran • Mylinda Weiss • Tong Yang • Christina Zavala

Child Care Program of the Year

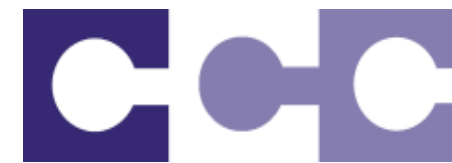
American Legion Children's Center • Beanstalk • Cottage Kids • Discovery Tree—P Street • Good Neighbor's Child Development Program • Hand in Hand Child Development Center • Little Blessings Creative Clubhouse • Phoebe Hearst 4th "R" Program • Shalom School Early Childhood Education • Wonderland Daycare & Preschool

The Selection Process

Nomination forms are distributed several months in advance via Child Action, Inc. Nominations are received from parents and co-workers of child care providers, as well as interested community members. The Local Child Care & Development Planning Council selects a panel of judges, which then makes final decisions for each category based on what has been written about nominees.

2004 Selection Committee

Anne Kress, ECE Instructor, American River College
Patrick Murphy, Program Specialist, SCOE
Dennis Vicars, Regional Director,
PACE Alternative Payment Program



The Sacramento Child Care Coalition

presents its

20th Annual In Praise of Providers



Thursday, April 22, 2004

DoubleTree Hotel

2001 Point West Way • Sacramento

Program Agenda

6:30 pm

Hors d'Oeuvres & No-Host Cocktails

7:00 pm

Dinner

8:00 pm

Awards Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies:

Lynsey Paulo, KCRA Channel 3

Entertainment provided by the
Sacramento Youth Symphony & Jack Gallagher

Presenters

***Our sincerest appreciation to the following individuals
who are presenting tonight's awards:***

Supervisor Illa Collin, County of Sacramento, District 2

Council Member Ken Cooley, City of Rancho Cordova

Supervisor Roger Dickinson, County of Sacramento, District 1

Toby Johnson, Former Supervisor, County of Sacramento, District 5

Council Member Robert McGarvey, City of Rancho Cordova

Mayor Sophie Scherman, City of Elk Grove

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PACE Alternative Payment Program

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Alix Hall, Discovery Tree Schools

Ray Tretheway, Council Member, City of Sacramento, District 1

Sponsors:

Beanstalk

Illia Collin, Supervisor, County of Sacramento, District 2

Linnea Hathaway, Hand in Hand Child Development Center

Dave Jones, Vice Mayor, City of Sacramento

Peter & Joette Lee

Donors:

Aisha Wahlstrom & Steve and Roberta Martinez

We would also like to acknowledge:

Child Development Incorporated (CDI)

and Beth Coffman, Director of Program Operations,
for their generous donation of the table decorations.

*Reflects sponsorships received as of April 1, 2004.

The History of "In Praise of Providers"

Since 1984, the Sacramento Child Care Coalition has recognized child care providers and members of the community who have demonstrated a strong commitment to quality child care in Sacramento County. This year, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the "In Praise of Providers" Awards Dinner by also paying tribute to those who have been providing child care services for twenty years or more.

The Sacramento Child Care Coalition was formed in 1982 to provide a forum for government, community agencies, business leaders, and child care providers to plan child care services that meet the diverse needs of Sacramento families. In 1997, the Sacramento Local Child Care and Development Planning Council became the mandated planning entity for child care services in Sacramento County.

Working together, Child Action, Inc. and the Sacramento Local Child Care and Development Planning Council have continued the Coalition's tradition of honoring those in our community that promote and provide quality child care services for families in the County.

2004 Community Awards

Lynsey Paulo
KCRA Channel 3

Lynsey Paulo is honored for her ongoing commitment to reporting on important issues regarding child care, children and families.

UPS Foundation

The UPS Foundation is recognized for its contribution to literacy projects for children in the Sacramento Valley District.

Lorraine Weatherspoon
Sacramento City Unified School District

Lorraine Weatherspoon is honored for her outstanding work as the School Readiness Coordinator of Sacramento City Unified School District's Partners for Readiness Collaborative.

Darrell Steinberg
California State Assembly

Darrell Steinberg is recognized for his ongoing efforts to advocate for children and families, and ensure that child care services are accessible to all.

2004 Teacher of the Year

Kimberly Nelson-Ingle

El Rancho Preschool

Kim believes her entry into child care was fate. She states that her success comes from her ability to connect with each child, determine their needs and provide for their interests. She gets really excited seeing the children go through the process of learning to read, as they put letters together to make words, and then form their first sentence. Kim's next professional goal is to obtain a Master Teacher Permit, and to continue to touch the lives of children.

2004 Family Child Care Provider of the Year

Linda Wooley

Linda credits her success to the support of her family and her upbringing. A second-generation child care provider (her mother ran a successful program for 25 years), Linda strives to provide the highest quality service possible to her families.

Linda firmly believes education builds a strong foundation, and she has set a goal to achieve a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education, as well as certification as an interpreter for American Sign Language. Her immediate goal is to continue providing quality child care, with the hopes of someday becoming a consultant to help ensure the availability of quality child care for families.

2004 Child Care Program of the Year

Discovery Tree School – I Street

"It's fun to come to work," says Leslie Morrill, director of Discovery Tree School on I Street. Leslie credits the staff's strong relationships with children and their families for making Discovery Tree a fun and fantastic place. Being part of the Discovery Tree school system provides the advantages of a big business, but they are still small enough to be intimate. "It's an extension of family," adds Leslie. "We know the grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters of our children."

When asked what future goals the center has, Leslie replied that they continually assess if each child's developmental needs are being met. The staff utilizes different tools to evaluate their program, and is currently developing a check system so they can consistently meet the needs of every child.