



Pennsylvania Association for the
Education of Young Children

PennAEYC is seeking nominations for the 2019 VOICE for Children Award

The Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children recognizes the critical role advocacy plays in high quality early learning settings and celebrates those who speak on behalf of Pennsylvania's children. As the voice for early care and learning, community advocates play an important role in assuring all Pennsylvania's children get the start that they deserve in school and in life.

The **VOICE for Children Award** is the only statewide award in Pennsylvania recognizing the grassroots leaders whose work impacts the quality of care for young children. Now in its **9th** year, the VOICE Award celebrates not only individual award recipients, but the early childhood profession.

Do you know an outstanding early childhood professional who is raising their voice to make a difference in the lives of young children and families through advocacy? PennAEYC is asking you to nominate qualified individuals to be recognized for their contributions.

The winner will be honored at the VOICE for Children Award Reception and Dinner in spring 2019 in Harrisburg, PA!

Nominations must be submitted no later than **October 31, 2018.**

Nomination Criteria

Nominees must:

1. Display dispositions of a model early childhood advocate, including (but not exclusive to) serving as an expert witness, providing public testimony, appearing in media, serving on a board in a public policy capacity, receiving distinctive honors or awards for previous advocacy work, leading advocacy campaigns or actions, working with leaders and elected officials to affect change, and/or recognized as an early childhood leader among his or her community.
2. Be a current member of PennAEYC to be considered.

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Nomination Guidelines

1. **Nomination forms will be used to determine the winner of the VOICE for Children Award. Specific documentation (such as links to newspaper articles, titles, awards/honors) should be provided if known to substantiate a nominee's advocacy efforts.** The PennAEYC Awards Committee will review each nomination based on the information provided, therefore it is important that the survey is fully completed and all necessary information is included.
2. There is a 500-word maximum to respond to why you believe your nominee should be selected as a recipient of the 2019 PennAEYC VOICE for Children Award.
3. Including a biography of the nominee is encouraged but not required.
4. Additional letters of support and endorsement for your nominee may be submitted. Encourage your colleagues to complete the form and indicate endorsement. Membership with PennAEYC is not required for the person endorsing a nominee.

All applications must be submitted no later than **October 31, 2018.**

Submit your 2019 PennAEYC VOICE for Children Award nomination to PennAEYC via
mail: 415 Market Street, Suite 206, Harrisburg, PA 17101
email: jdebell@pennaeyc.org (Subject line: 2019 VOICE nomination)

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