

**2011**

**Direct Support Professional  
Award Recipients**

**Karen Mercurio**                      **Overall Award**  
**The Center for Autism Education**

**Crystal Peterson**                      **Employment**  
**BCI**

**John Ellis**                              **Residential**  
**RHD-Missouri**

**Nathan Wehrheim**                      **Education**  
**The Center for Autism Education**

**Katherine Sission**                      **Respite**  
**Community Living, Inc.**

**Nadine Ricketts**                      **Rising Star**  
**St. Louis Life**

**Godfrey Njogu**                          **Rising Star**  
**Willows Way**

**Cindy Daugherty**                      **Day Program**  
**Community Living, Inc.**



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**2012**

**Direct Support  
Professional Awards**



Awards funded through a grant from



**Developmental Disabilities  
Resource Board**  
of St. Charles County

## ABOUT THE DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Direct Support Professional Award is given annually to an individual who provides direct support for individuals with developmental disabilities, who are dedicated to providing opportunities for the people they serve to become active, valued members of the St. Charles County Community.

Nominations may be based upon consistent and sustained service or an extraordinary single achievement and may be in one or more of the following service areas:

- **Employment**
- **Day Program**
- **Education**
- **Recreation**
- **Residential**
- **Respite**
- **Rising Star** (Employed two years or less)
- **Advocacy**

## AWARDS

The overall winner of the Direct Support Professional award receives attendance to a professional or personal development program, seminar, class or conference of his/her choice up to \$1,500.

Outstanding Service Awards are given to the top categorical winners who receive attendance to a professional or personal development program, seminar, class or conference of his/her choice up to \$250.

All award recipients will be recognized at a reception held in their honor.

## NOMINATION CRITERIA

To be nominated, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Be employed full or part-time in St. Charles County.
- Spend 85-100% of her/his time in direct support with no supervisory responsibilities.
- Demonstrate consistent, outstanding achievement.
- Exhibit sincere dedication.

## NOMINATION FORM

Nomination forms are available online at the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County website at:

[www.ddrb.org](http://www.ddrb.org)

Or contact your agency's Human Resource Department for a copy.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Anyone may nominate an eligible direct support professional by completing a nomination form and returning the form to:

DDRB of St. Charles County  
Direct Support Award Committee  
156 St. Peters Centre Blvd.  
St. Peters, MO 63376

Preference will be given to nominees who:

- Have a specific outcome(s) demonstrating how the nominee performed beyond his/her normal job duties to positively impact the life of an individual.

**DEADLINE : July 1, 2012**



## **The Direct Support Professional Award has added a new category!**

New this year is the category of Advocacy. Candidates in this category are those who have effectively advocated on an individual's behalf regarding a specific issue in any setting with positive results.

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**2012 nominations are due July 1, 2012.**



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## Direct Support Professional Nomination Form

The St. Charles County Coalition of Service Providers is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Direct Support Professional Awards.

Recipients of these awards are people who provide direct support for individuals with developmental disabilities and who are dedicated to providing opportunities for the people they serve to become active, valued members of the St. Charles County community. This award is designed to recognize those individuals who demonstrate consistent dedication and who are frequently going above and beyond their typical day to day responsibilities.

**To be nominated, an individual must meet the following criteria:**

- A. Be employed full or part-time in St. Charles County,
- B. Spend 85-100% of her/his time in direct support, **with no supervisory responsibilities.**
- C. Demonstrate consistent, outstanding achievement, and
- E. Exhibit sincere dedication.

**Please check employment category of nominee:**

- ☐ Day Program    ☐ Education    ☐ Employment    ☐ Recreation    ☐ Residential    ☐ Respite  
☐ Rising Star (Employed two years or less)    ☐ Advocacy

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Employing Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Agency Executive Director/CEO Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions.**

1. How long have you known the nominee? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long has the nominee been with his/her current agency? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If you know, how long has the nominee worked in this field? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does this individual supervise anyone?      Yes      or      No      (circle one)

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS**

To protect the confidentiality of people supported, use fictitious names or initials as necessary.

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Direct Support Awards Committee  
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**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 1, 2012**