

**Mary Olsen “Friend of Children” Award
Request For Nomination
To be presented at Utah’s 35th Annual Early Childhood Conference
Saturday, March 13th, 2010
Utah Valley University- Orem, Utah**

The Early Childhood Conference Committee is searching for an outstanding early childhood professional (director or administrator) to receive the Mary Olsen, “Friend of Children” Award. The award will be presented at the 35th Annual Early Childhood Conference on March 13th. Early childhood entities (program, association, school or center) can nominate an individual for this award. Please take a moment with your staff to reflect upon individuals that have gone above and beyond their job requirements in behalf of strengthening early childhood services for children and families. There are many deserving candidates in this field. We have enclosed a partial list of past recipients for your information.

Criteria

This award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to Utah’s early childhood community through his or her many years of service as an advocate for children and quality programming. Although the recipient may also have had direct contact with children, this award specifically recognizes the contributions they have made because of their vision for and public commitment to children. The recipient may be a child advocate, program director/administrator, public policy-maker or a long standing early childhood educator whose efforts and contributions have made Utah a better place for children to grow and learn.

Selection

Members of the Early Childhood Conference Scholarship and Award Committee will select the award recipient from this year’s nominees. If nominees are at a similar level in meeting the selection criteria, a vote of the full conference committee will be held.

Past Recipients

1992	Mary Olsen	1998	Elaine Strom	2007	Erin Trenbeth-Murray
1993	Carol Blackwell	1999	Jean Larson	2008	Chris Jones
1994	Pat Eager	2000	Phil Brown	2009	Chris Bray
1995	Dorma Lindsay	2004	Patricia Kreher		
1996	Kris Hale	2005	Marilyn McCumber		
1997	Jean Kunz	2006	Liz Barker		

**Thank you for returning the nomination information on or before
Monday, March 1st, 2010**

Submit nominations to: Kris Hale, Child Care Coordinating Office, University of Utah
200 S. Central Campus Dr., Rm. 316, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84112-9103, (801)585-5897,
FAX (801)585-7466 (**Nomination Deadline: Monday, March 1st 2010**)

Nominee Information

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Work Telephone _____ Home Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Work Address _____

Position _____

Number of Years in an early childhood or related profession _____

Nomination Criteria

- (1) Specify the current position or most recent position and responsibilities of nominee as well as a work history that relates to the early childhood field:
- (2) Describe how the nominee has gone above and beyond normal job expectation levels to support young children and their families:
- (3) Please share how your nominee has shown exemplary service, leadership and vision as an early childhood professional. Please supply supporting materials if appropriate.
- (4) Attach up to three letters of support from nominee's supervisor, program staff, peers or others who have been influenced by the nominee.

The above nomination has been submitted by:

Contact Person: _____

Program/Association: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Thank You!