



New York City Region Excellence Awards

Direct Support Professional Conference

November 15, 2017

Call for Agency Nominations

The Direct Support Professional Alliance of New York State (DSPANYYS) and NYSACRA would like to join with agencies in *honoring up to two (2) outstanding direct support professionals from each agency* at a special awards ceremony to be held during the annual Direct Support Professional Conference at:

Place: Baruch College William and Anita Newman Conference Center

Address: 55 Lexington Avenue 24th Street, New York, New York

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Please note that REGISTRATION for attendance to the conference is completed directly with NYSACRA through the link on the conference announcement. Registration will not be accepted through any other means. For questions or concern contact Lisa Mount at NYSACRA at: lisam@nysacra.org.

To celebrate the invaluable contribution of individuals in direct support professionals to the lives of the people we serve, we invite you to **nominate** up to two (2) direct support professionals who have demonstrated outstanding performance within your agency. You can **register** as many staff as your agency would like to send to the conference by using the link on the conference announcement.

Award nominees should:

- Be a “frontline” employee in a direct support position (residential program, in home residential habilitation, day habilitation, or similar direct service program)
- Demonstrate a commitment to improving the lives of the people with developmental disabilities which has had an important impact on fostering a creative, active, collaborative service environment and achieving positive outcomes for the people served reflective of the DSP Core Competencies and NADSP Code of Ethics.

Return Nomination Forms (not registration forms) BY October 20th, 2017

TO: Sarah Mills at YAI, 460 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or e-mail to **HYPERLINK "mailto:Sarah.Mills@yai.org" Sarah.Mills@yai.org**

To make the presentation special for the staff being recognized, this year we are asking agencies to send gift baskets, gift certificates, or other similar gifts, wrapped and ready for presentation (with an approximate value of \$50) for each staff being recognized from their agency. While individualized gifts that will be personally appreciated by the employee are encouraged, please make sure all gifts are respectful of this formal professional recognition and “workplace appropriate” (i.e., no alcohol, etc.).

Please drop off or mail wrapped and clearly tagged gifts (with names of the two DSP Nominees to:

- SUS, 463 7th Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018 by **Wednesday, Nov 1st, 2017**
Attention: Gloria Sanchez or Doris Figueroa
- When delivering to SUS in person prior to **Wednesday, Nov 1st, 2017**
please do so between the **hours of 10am and 4pm**, and ask for **Gloria Sanchez or Doris Figueroa**.

If you have any questions regarding this award process, please feel free to e-mail Mr. Ravi Dahiya at ravi.dahiya@yai.org or call (212-273-6625). Thanks for helping make this a very special event for all the attendees, and especially so for their colleagues who will be formally recognized!

***Nominations for the staff being honored at the conference are separate and coordinated through SUS Independence and Residences.*



Direct Support Professional Award of Excellence

Nomination Form

(Two per Agency only)

Nomination #1:

Completed By: _____ Contract #/e-mail: _____

Name of Direct Support Professional: _____

Help with pronunciation (if name or pronunciation is unique): _____

Position _____ Agency: _____

Length of Service _____ Current Work Setting: _____

Three Words That Describe Nominee: _____

Nomination #2:

Form Completed By: _____ Contract #/e-mail: _____

Name of Direct Support Professional: _____

Help with pronunciation (if name or pronunciation is unique): _____

Position _____ Agency: _____

Length of Service _____ Current Work Setting: _____

Three Words That Describe Nominee: _____
