

Families As Allies Community Partnership Celebration

Greeting and welcome

Introduction of Board and Staff

Community Partnership Celebration Awards Presentations

*Helen Reddy Johnson Memorial Award for
Valuing Every Child and Family*

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and First Lady Ebony Lumumba

Rusty Turner Memorial Award for Excellence
The Family Run Executive Directors Leadership Association
(FREDLA)

Partnership Award
The Mississippi Wraparound Institute

Accountability Award
The Clarion-Ledger

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Helen Reddy Johnson Memorial Award for Valuing Every Child and Family

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and First Lady Ebony Lumumba

The Lumumba's willingness to be spokespeople for our infant and early childhood mental health awareness campaign and to work in partnership with families of young children to make sure the messages are supportive and responsive reflects not only this value, but also their commitment to citizen-driven government.

It also continues the work and legacy that the mayor's father, the late Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, began with the families of young children in Jackson.

WE VALUE EVERY CHILD AND FAMILY

We will not judge or blame you, and we will stand with you if you feel judged or blamed by others.

Rusty Turner Memorial Award for Excellence

The Family Run Executive Directors Leadership Association (FREDLA)

FREDLA's training materials, online learning communities and their wise and thoughtful Technical Assistance, all based on the best practices for this work, have helped families in Mississippi grow into new leadership roles and mentor and encourage even more families.

WE VALUE EXCELLENCE

We hold ourselves to the highest standards in what we do. We expect the systems that serve our children to do the same.

Partnership Award

The Wraparound Institute

The Wraparound Institute has consistently demonstrated a commitment to partner with families and the people who are important to them and has also partnered with Families as Allies to identify ways to make Wraparound work better for families. We appreciate working with them to reach out to families, learn about how they experience Wraparound, and partner with them to make it more responsive.

WE VALUE PARTNERSHIP

We will work in partnership with you and whoever you tell us is important to your family.

Accountability Award

The Clarion-Ledger

The Clarion-Ledger's two-year journey to make the Technical Assistance Collaborative's reports public and its subsequent reporting made it possible for families, adults with serious mental illness, and all other interested stakeholders to read for themselves how our system was assessed and the expert recommendations that were made.

That same information could serve as the basis for us all to work together to make our system as responsive as possible and begin to address the Justice Department's lawsuit against Mississippi.

WE VALUE ACCOUNTABILITY

We will be open and honest with you about our organization and help you get information from the systems that serve your child.

Families as Allies named these two awards for two extraordinary people. We honor their memories.

The Helen Reddy Johnson Memorial Award for Valuing Every Child and Family

Helen Johnson spent her life caring for children and bringing communities together. She was instrumental in the establishment of Southern Echo and the Nollie Jenkins Family Center. She was a School board member and worked tirelessly on behalf of school children in Mississippi, especially those in the Delta.

Helen was a board member of Families as Allies and never lost her focus on insuring that the organization was accountable to the families and children it served. Her life exemplified respect, compassion and dignity and serves as an inspiration for our work every day.



The Rusty Turner Memorial Award for Excellence

Rusty Turner was an outstanding labor attorney who received many awards and much recognition for his accomplishments. As part of his work at Balch and Bingham, Rusty patiently and carefully guided Families as Allies in updating all of our policies and procedures in keeping with best practices, allowing us to focus much more of our time on our mission.



More importantly, just by the way he chose to live his life, Rusty exemplified Families as Allies' vision that all children have the opportunity to reach their potential and be successful. We are grateful for these memories and also honored that Rusty had committed to become a board member in 2016.

Past Award Recipients

Valuing Every Child and Family

2014 Linda West

2015 Helen Johnson

2016 Growing Pains/Dr. Rick DeShazo and Kathryn Rodenmeyer

Excellence

2014 Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH

2015 Rusty Turner, Esq

2016 Dr. Wanjiku Njoroge

Partnership

2014 St James Episcopal Church

2015 Chane – Fondren First Thursday

2016 Nita Rudy

Accountability

2014 Mandy Rogers

2015 Leonard VanSlyke, Esq

2016 Representatives Joel Bomgar and Jay Hughes

