

Qualistar's Early Childhood Professional of the Year Award

We are seeking nominations for our second annual Early Childhood Professional of the Year award. This year's focus is Family Engagement. The selected professional will be recognized at our Gala on September 7, 2018.

Background Information

Because a child is more likely to be a successful learner when the family works together with education professionals, Qualistar is seeking nominations for individuals who have engaged and supported families as partners in their children's education journey. Going beyond the usual parent/teacher conferences and family night activities, the nominee will recognize the individuality of both children and families, be consistent in their support, appreciation, and continual commitment to engage families, respect their unique qualities, and positively impact the family's experience.

Eligibility and Nomination Process

To be eligible, a nominee must work in a licensed child care program (center, preschool, or family child care home) in Colorado. A nomination can be made by a peer, a supervisor, or someone else familiar with the nominee's family engagement efforts. A complete nomination includes the following pieces: completed Nomination Form, completed Nomination Acknowledgement Form, and three letters of support. A letter of support is required from each of these three categories: a director or coworker, a parent or other family member of a child who attends the program, and a community member (such as a professor, a representative from an Early Childhood Council, a coach, a board member, a colleague who is aware of their work, etc.). The nominator may write one of the letters of support if the nominator falls into one of those three categories. Supporting materials such as pictures, articles, or testimonials can be submitted but they are not required.

In 2017, Qualistar's first recipient of the Early Childhood Professional of the Year Award was Cheryl Gould from Rocky Mountain Children's Discovery Center in Canon City. Cheryl was recognized for her exceptional leadership and mentoring to her team and her commitment to ongoing education and learning.

Nomination Deadline

Email or mail nominations by Friday, April 27, 2018. Mailed nominations must be postmarked by that date. We cannot be held responsible for postal errors or insufficient postage or technology issues.

If mailing:

Qualistar Colorado, ECP of the Year
3607 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Denver, CO 80205

If emailing:

info@qualistar.org



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Nomination Form (to be completed by Nominator)

Information about you, the Nominator

Nominator Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Information about the Nominee, the person you are nominating

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Employing Child Care Program _____

Program License Number (if known) _____

Program City _____

Nominee's Title _____

Nominee's Email Address _____

Nominee's Phone Number _____

What is the nominee's role in their child care program? _____

What sets the nominee apart in terms of engaging and supporting families as partners in their children's education journey?



How has the nominee made a positive impact on families?

What else would you like us to know?

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Nomination Acknowledgement Form (to be completed by Nominee)

I, _____ (name), am willing to be nominated for Qualistar's Early Childhood Professional of the Year Award.

I agree that, if selected as the Early Childhood Professional of the Year, I will:
(Please initial after each statement)

- Participate in one or more interviews with Qualistar staff. _____
- Allow Qualistar and their video production team to film me at work. _____
- Attend Qualistar's gala in Denver on September 7, 2018. Two tickets to the event, mileage reimbursement, and one night of lodging will be provided. _____
- Briefly speak at the gala when accepting the award. The Qualistar staff will help me prepare by providing talking points. There will be approximately 225 people in attendance. _____
- Allow Qualistar to use my name, my program's name, and photos, descriptions, and video of me, such as on their website and on their outreach materials. _____

Name: _____

Child Care Program: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature/e-signature: _____

