

DATE: March 16, 2010

TO: Community Partners and Stakeholders

FROM: Richard L. Harris  
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SUBJECT: Mental Health Awards for Excellence -- May 21

May 2010 is Mental Health Awareness Month. Many people work tirelessly to advocate for the mental health needs of Oregonians. I invite you to nominate one or more of them for a **2010 Mental Health Award for Excellence**. Past awards have recognized students, volunteers, educators, professionals, family members and consumers of mental health services. Included with this e-mail is a list of past recipients.

The purpose of these awards is to celebrate the contributions that go beyond the daily work people do to increase resiliency of adults, youth and their families and to support recovery. Real recovery from mental illness requires individual advocacy, community action, understanding and teamwork. Increased resiliency and recovery are possible because of improved science, better community supports, and reduced stigma.

Please submit your nomination[s] to Julie Earnest, by 5:00 p.m., **April 12, 2010**. A nomination form is attached. You can use fax, e-mail or mail regular mail.

***The Awards Ceremony will be 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Friday May 21, Room 260, Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE, in Salem.***

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the caring and dedication of our state, local and community partners, providers, families and the many clients we serve. Thank you for your participation.

**Department of Human Services**  
**Addictions and Mental Health Division**  
2010 Mental Health Awards for Excellence  
Theme: *Resiliency & Recovery*  
Nominations Due: **April 12, 2010**

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**Categories:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth consumer activist   | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional mental health director         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult consumer activist   | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional individual staff               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family advocate youth   | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional mental health service provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family advocate adult   | <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional work by state hospital staff   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsung or generally unrecognized contributor to mental health awareness |   |

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee aware of your entry?     Yes     No

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- ❖ Check one of the categories above and describe the nominees' contributions that are exceptional and that promote resiliency and recovery. Attach a one-page summary of the contributions to the mental health field or please describe below.
  - ❖ Nominees may include any Oregonian or Oregon organization making outstanding contributions in the mental health field. These include consumers, family members, advocates, providers, mental health professionals, and public (including state) and private employees.

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**Return by 5:00 p.m., April 12, 2010 to:** Julie Earnest  
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