

## **WYOMING SUPREME COURT CHILDREN'S JUSTICE PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Wyoming Supreme Court Children's Justice Project (CJP) established this award in recognition of the significant contributions by those who work on behalf of the children and families involved in the child welfare/juvenile court system. The Supreme Court will present the award at the annual Children's Justice Conference to a leading practitioner in the field of child welfare.

### **ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA**

Judges, guardians *ad litem*, parents' counsel, DFS staff, CASA volunteers, county/district attorneys, or others involved in the child welfare system are eligible.

The award recipient will have:

- 1) Demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to children and families working above and beyond his/her assigned responsibilities;
- 2) Exhibited a high level of ethics, respect for children and families and cooperation among stakeholders in the child welfare system; and
- 3) Made a significant contribution to promoting and advancing the field of child welfare as exemplified in his/her work.

*\*The award is not given to groups, organizations or posthumously.*

### **NOMINATION APPLICATION**

Nomination applications should include the following information:

- 1) Completed nomination form signed by the nominator;
- 2) A nomination letter signed by nominator explaining the qualifications of the nominee and setting forth the reasons why the nominee should be awarded the CJP Excellence Award. The nomination letter may include a brief description of the nominee's extraordinary commitment to children and families, significant contributions to promoting and advancing child welfare issues, and any local and/or state achievements; and
- 3) One letter of support.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Please send the nomination form and attachments to Tara Ackerman, Wyoming Supreme Court, Children's Justice Project Coordinator. Fax and/or email copies are also acceptable. The address is:

2301 Capitol Avenue  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002  
FAX: 307-777-3447  
Email: [tackerman@courts.state.wy.us](mailto:tackerman@courts.state.wy.us)

**All nomination forms, letters and attachments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., May 16, 2012.**

### **QUESTIONS**

Please contact Tara Ackerman, CJP Coordinator at 307-777-7629.