



## *Champions for Children*

**New York Association for the Education of Young Children** recognizes individuals who have dedicated their work, time and resources to children, families and the field of early care and education. Nominations for NYAEYC **Champions for Children** are accepted by anyone who wants to recommend a candidate. The honorees will be recognized at the **Champions for Children** Awards Event at the Annual NYAEYC Conference on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, NY. This celebration has become a popular event at the conference as we celebrate all that serve children and their families and particularly recognize the 2018 NYAEYC **Champions for Children**.

Please submit your nominations by **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

### **Categories**

- **Early Childhood Leader** is an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to leading others in the early care and education field. The nominee should be a professional in early care and education whose efforts in advocacy, research, and/or the mentorship of practitioners has made a significant contribution to the field that have had an impact nationally and/or in New York State. Leadership characteristics should include the ability to communicate and demonstrate appropriate practice and lead others to better understand the needs of children and families.
- **Early Childhood Supporter** is an individual or organization who has made a significant contribution toward facilitating and implementing policies to improve the early care and education field. The nominee through a body of work in advocacy, research, or through substantial financial contributions has made a significant impact on early childhood policy, programming or teacher education.
- **Member of the Year** is an individual who has dedicated time, energy and support to the local AEYC chapter and local projects and/or NYAEYC. The candidate must be a member of NAEYC. She/he should be active in promoting best practices for children and families in the local community.
- **Student /New Professional Leader** is a matriculated student in an undergraduate or graduate early childhood education or child development program. Or a new early childhood professional who has been in the field less than 3 years. The nominee must demonstrate strong leadership potential and be active in efforts to improve the field of early care and education by advocating, working on a research project, or organizing fellow students or early childhood professionals in a formalized endeavor.