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New York Association for the
Education of Young Children

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 will be accepted for any nominee who meets the criteria described below and may be submitted by anyone who is able to speak to the nominee's work. The honorees will be recognized at the **Champions for Children** Awards Event at the Annual NYAEYC Conference on Friday, April 3rd, 2020, 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 2020 NYAEYC **Champions for Children**.

Please submit your nominations by **December 6, 2019**.

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 at the state level in New York. 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 state or national early childhood policy, programming or teacher education.
- **Member Leader** is a current NYAEYC member who has dedicated time, energy and support to their early childhood community through volunteer leadership of local initiatives and/or the local AEYC chapter. Their work should have an impact beyond the program for which they work; and promote/support 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 fewer than three 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.