



Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award
for Exemplary Practice in Child Abuse Prevention



Why is this award named for Ed Van Dusen? Ed Van Dusen might rightly be called the "Father of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund" because of his role in getting the organization established in 1985. After his death in 2009, the Trust Fund's board renamed its "Board Award" in his honor. 2010 will mark the first award given in his name

What is the "Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award" for Exemplary Practice in Child Abuse Prevention? An annual award created by the members of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund Board to recognize and reward a particular child abuse prevention effort in Idaho that is creative, innovative and impacts the community in a positive way by *preventing* the abuse and neglect of children.

What is Child Abuse Prevention?

(For more information, visit www.idahochildrenstrustfund.idaho.gov)

Child abuse prevention is the work of keeping abuse and neglect of children from ever occurring. Child abuse prevention efforts fall into two categories:

Primary prevention includes measures to keep abuse and neglect from occurring for the first time in a family. It helps build protective factors in families and raises the awareness of the general public, service providers and policy makers about the scope and problems associated with child maltreatment.

Secondary prevention also refers to keeping abuse and neglect from occurring for the first time in a family. The difference from primary prevention is that secondary prevention efforts are directed at populations of families who have been determined to be at-risk for abusive or neglectful behavior, or have circumstances in their life that present challenges to positive parenting behaviors and optimal child development.

Communities must develop strategies to prevent abusive and neglectful patterns from occurring to begin with. Effective prevention programs have the potential to provide a more complete and effective support system for all families in order to prevent child abuse.

Eligibility for Application

Any agency, organization or individual engaged in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho is eligible to apply. This includes, but is not limited to: non-profits, government agencies, schools, hospitals, foster parents, faith communities, child care centers, coalitions, private counseling centers, homeless shelters, and service clubs. A Legacy Award Winner may not be nominated again.

Criteria for Application

The efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect undertaken by the nominee should be innovative, creative, collaborative, able to be replicated, have a positive impact on the community, receive community support, and occur in Idaho. The nomination application will request information about these criteria.

Timeline for 2010

Nomination applications are available on the ICTF website. Completed applications are due at the ICTF office by 5:00 p.m. on February 19, 2010. The winner will be notified within one week of the ICTF's annual training institute, held each year in the spring. The presentation of the *Legacy Award* will take place at the Award Luncheon during the annual ICTF Strengthening Families Training Institute in March in Boise, Idaho. The ICTF will pay travel expenses for the Legacy Award winner to attend the Award Luncheon.

Application Process

Eligible and interested parties must complete and submit the Nomination Application, three-page essay, and the required support letters from the community by the February 19th deadline. Please include four (4) complete copies and one (1) original of the application packet. Applications will be accepted via mail or delivered in person; faxed or email applications will not be accepted. Each nominee will be notified of the results in writing, prior to the Award Luncheon.

Award

The winner of the *Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award for Exemplary Practice in Child Abuse Prevention* will receive a monetary award to be determined by the Board to be used to continue their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho. The winner will also receive public recognition through the ICTF's website, newsletter, and any other available media. All recipients must provide the ICTF with a letter describing the work undertaken with the award prior to the Strengthening Families Training Institute.

Decisions

The staff of the ICTF will insure that each application contains all required information before submitting them to the Board for review. Any applications that do not contain all required information will be disqualified. Qualifying applications are read and scored by a subcommittee of the Board. The five applications with the top scores are then read and

scored by the entire Board which makes the final decision which application will receive the *Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award for Exemplary Practice in Child Abuse Prevention*. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all applications. The decision of the Board is final.

Questions? Please contact the staff by calling 208-386-9317, or emailing shermanr@dhw.idaho.gov



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Application 2010*

Contact Information

Name of Nominee

Address

City

County

State

Zip

Contact Person's Name

Title (If applicable)

Phone

Fax

Email

Essay

On a separate piece of paper, please describe the nominee's child abuse prevention efforts in an essay of three (3) type-written pages (*or less*) by addressing the following criteria:

- Please give a short description of the nominee, including whether it is an individual or a group, and a history of how they came to be involved in child abuse prevention.
- Briefly describe the child abuse prevention effort the nominee is engaged in.
- Please explain how this effort prevents child abuse and/or neglect.
- In what way is this effort innovative in child abuse prevention?
- What conditions would be necessary for this effort to be replicated in other areas?

- What has been the impact on the community due to this particular child abuse prevention effort?
- In what ways does this effort collaborate with other community agencies, organizations or individuals?
- In what concrete ways does the community support this effort? (e.g. funding, in-kind donations, volunteers, etc.)
- Please estimate how many individuals have been directly affected by this effort in the past year. Since the effort began? How many individuals have been indirectly affected?
- Please describe any other criteria you would like to be considered in evaluating your nomination. (For example: Length of time of effort, potential for making a difference, diversity of participants' involvement, recognition by community members, ability to reach underserved populations, etc.)
- Why does this nomination deserve the Ed Van Dusen Legacy Award?

Support Letters

The application must include two (2) letters of support from parties who are familiar with the child abuse prevention effort of the nominee. Please include the letters with the application packet; do not send them separately. *(Board members may contact the authors for additional details.)*

E-Mail to: shermanr@dhw.idaho.gov
Subject: Legacy Award

OR

Mail original to: Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Legacy Award
P.O. Box 2015
Boise, ID 83701

OR

Deliver to: Idaho Children's Trust Fund
Legacy Award
304 W. State. St.
Boise, ID 83702

Must be received in the ICTF office by 5:00 pm February 19, 2010.

Good Luck!