

THE JIM PRYOR CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD – 2021

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) awarded its first Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award posthumously to Jim Pryor in March 1995. Pryor, who passed away in May of 1994, was a member of TCCY and an outstanding advocate for children. He was an attorney, a former assistant district attorney, a member of the state Child Sexual Abuse Task Force, and an active member of the Northeast Regional Council on Children and Youth.

A new award recipient is designated each year. Nominations for this year's award are being accepted now. Previous award recipients were the following:

- 1996 - Art Masker, Holston Homes, Greeneville;
- 1997 - Tommy Perkins, retired, Family and Children's Services, Chattanooga;
- 1998 - Ann Ince, Tennessee Voices for Children and Child Watch, Knoxville, and Steve Jones, General Sessions and Juvenile Court Judge, Kingsport;
- 1999 - May Shayne (deceased), Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies and TCCY member, Nashville;
- 2000 - Trudy Hughes, executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Hamilton County and former TCCY member, and Sandi Fisher, program development coordinator for the Northeast Tennessee Community Services Agency;
- 2001 - Merrill Harris, preschool teacher for the DeKalb County School System and on the Board of Directors for Tennessee Voices for Children;
- 2002 - George Spain, chief executive officer of the Centerstone Community Mental Health Centers, Inc. and former TCCY member;
- 2003 - Phil Acord, executive director of The Children's Home-Chambliss Shelter and current TCCY member;
- 2004 - Emmy Haney, Child Advocate, Chattanooga;
- 2005 - Jody Roberts, children's program coordinator, Avalon Center, Crossville;
- 2006 - Linda Moynihan, retired director, Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare (TCSW);
- 2007 - Marilyn Davis, retired TCCY Southeast Regional Coordinator;
- 2008 - Betty Raspberry, Child Advocate, Northwest Tennessee;
- 2009 - Joetta Yarbrow, director of the Dyer County Family Resource Center and former TCCY member;
- 2010 - Connie Hall Givens (deceased), former director of Coordinated School Health, Tennessee Department of Education;
- 2011 - Dr. Timothy A. Perry, therapist, Frontier Health, Kingsport and former TCCY member;
- 2012 - Cindy Durham, former TCCY chairperson;
- 2013 - Judge Betty Adams Green, Juvenile Court Judge, retired
- 2014 - James Martin, statewide youth engagement specialist, Tennessee Voices for Children;
- 2015 - Barbara Holden Nixon, co-chair, ACE Center Task Force of Shelby County; consultant, The Urban Child Institute; and former TCCY member
- 2016 - Bonne Beneke, Department of Children Service; Jan Dick Family & Children's Services.
- 2017 - Loraine Lucinski, Home Visiting Improvement Action Center
- 2018 - Matt Tim, Ph.D., Regional Intervention Program co-creator
- 2019 - Kristen Rector, president and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee
- 2020 – Kathy Benedetto, Frontier Health

I. SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The selection committee shall consist of five (5) TCCY members, with one member acting as chairperson.
2. The Chairperson of TCCY shall appoint the selection committee.
3. The nomination form with letter(s) of recommendation shall be submitted to TCCY by the deadline for award consideration.
4. The 2021 Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award shall be presented at TCCY's annual advocacy event, Children's Advocacy Days, in Nashville, Tennessee, in March 2021.

II. GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

1. Nominees shall have demonstrated commitment to improving, expanding, and/or advocating for children and youth.
2. Nominees shall have lived in Tennessee for at least five years.
3. **Priority** will be given to nominees who are/have been involved with the TCCY and/or TCCY Regional Councils on Children and Youth.

III. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria may be used in the selection process:

1. Length of Service/Advocacy Efforts
2. Scope of Service/Advocacy Efforts
3. Impact of Service/Advocacy Effort
4. Source of nomination

Determination of award winner will be made solely based upon the written information submitted on or with the nomination form. Nomination information should be brief and concise. Nomination forms and attachments must be sent to the following address and received by February 12, 2021

**THE JIM PRYOR CHILD ADVOCACY
AWARD NOMINATION FORM**
(Please print clearly)

I. Nominee:

Name _____

Agency _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

II. Nominator:

Name _____

Agency _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

III. Verification: References should be individuals who are familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee and may not include the nominator or persons related to the nominee.

1. Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

2. Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

IV. Summary: For receipt by the February 12 deadline, submit the nomination form, and on separate paper, please briefly and concisely address nominee's accomplishments in relation to children and youth and involvement with the TCCY and/or TCCY Regional Councils on Children and Youth. Discuss nominee's commitment to improving, expanding, and/or advocating for services for children and youth.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Deadline: **February 12, 2020**