



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
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Dear Colleague,

The United States Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Children's Bureau (CB) is pleased to announce that Adoption Excellence Awards nominations are now being accepted. These annual awards recognize States, Tribes, agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals that have demonstrated excellence in making contributions to providing permanency for children in foster care. The Adoption Excellence Awards honor leadership and innovation in the commitment toward rebuilding the lives of children in foster care and those who are waiting for adoption.

You are invited to nominate candidates for the 2016 Adoption Excellence Awards. Nomination materials, including a description of the award categories, eligibility and selection criteria, and nomination forms can be accessed at the Children's Bureau's website. You will also find information about past recipients. Please note that a new additional category has been added this year for Youth/Young Adult.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/adoption-excellence-awards>

All nominations must be **received by COB Friday, July 29, 2016**. All nominations should be sent electronically to June.Dorn@acf.hhs.gov, Subject Line: AEA Nomination. If you have questions about the award, please contact June Dorn at June.Dorn@acf.hhs.gov or 202-205-9540.

Consider submitting a nomination to recognize the extraordinary efforts of a family member, colleague, business, or organization that has shown dedication and innovation in finding permanent, loving homes for America's waiting children.

Sincerely,

/June H. Dorn/

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