



2010 Full Lives Conference for Direct Support Professionals  
April 15-16, 2010 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

## **Nominations wanted for the Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers Outstanding Direct Service Professionals of the Year Awards**

***Nomination Deadline: February 26, 2010***

***Winners will receive \$1,000, a trip to the 2010 Full Lives Conference to accept this honor and free registration to the 2011 Full Lives Conference!***

The Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers is seeking nominations for outstanding direct service professionals who work in the following support areas:

***Traumatic Brain Injuries, Severe Mental Illness, Elder/Senior Care,  
Treatment for Chronic Alcoholism/Substance Abuse, Development Disabilities***

*Direct Service Professionals provide support to a wide range of individuals in a variety of settings including the individual's home, workplace, residential center, day center, and community. Positions include, but are not limited to, PCAs, CNAs, home care providers, recreation staff, clinicians, job coaches, counselors, early intervention associates – anyone who works directly with an infant, child, adolescent, adult or senior who depends on support to be more self-sufficient.*

Five winners, one from each service area, will be announced at the 2010 Full Lives Conference at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

***Please complete the attached nomination form and send it by February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to:***

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Additional nomination forms are available on the Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers website: [www.aadsc.org](http://www.aadsc.org) or at the Full Lives website at: [www.fulllivesconference.org](http://www.fulllivesconference.org)



**Alaska Alliance for Direct Service Careers (AADSC)**  
**Nomination for Outstanding Direct Service Professional Award**  
Awards presented at the annual Full Lives Conference

**Nomination Deadline: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Please provide the following contact information:** (please print clearly)

**Name of Nominee:**

**Agency:**

**Position:**

**Agency Address:**

address

city

state

zip code

**Years at Agency:**

**Number of Years in field:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone:**

**Supervisor's Name:**

**E-mail:**

**Your Name (nominator):**

**Your Phone:**

**Relationship to nominee:**

**Your Email:**

The AADSC Outstanding Direct Service Professional of the Year Award is the only award in Alaska limited to those who provide direct support to another person in the categories listed below.

**The nomination process requires three steps:**

1. Nominations MUST BE SUBMITTED by Friday, **February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. ONLY ONE FIELD SHOULD BE SELECTED by the nominator (e.g., Elder Care, Mental Illness, DD Care, TBI Care, Alcoholism/Substance Abuse treatment). Nominations with more than one box selected will result in **disqualification**.
2. The nominations should have comments by two people who receive services from the Nominee; a family member of the person receiving care or works as a direct service professional that knows the nominee and endorses this nomination.
3. The nominator must fill out the next section, with or without the nominee's input. Describe what the nominee does well on the job. What have you learned from the nominee? What do the clients/consumers like best about working with the nominee?

Please check **only one** major area of support for your Nominee. If more than one area is selected, the nomination will result in **disqualification**:

**Mental Illness**

**Elder/Senior Care**

**Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Alcohol/Substance Abuse Treatment**

**Developmental Disabilities**

Since this award is about providing direct services to individuals, we would like to hear from them about the Nominee. Please have two individuals that have worked with the Nominee and endorse your nomination by filling out the information below.

**Endorsement #1**

I receive services from

and the support I receive is usually:

**Great!**

**Really Good!**

**Good!**

I like working with the Nominee because *(please limit your comments to 75 words or less)*:

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Endorsed By:

(Your Name is *optional*, but appreciated)

**Endorsement #2**

I receive services from

and the support I receive is usually:

**Great!**

**Really Good!**

**Good!**

I like working with the Nominee because *(please limit your comments to 75 words or less)*:

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Endorsed By:

(Your Name is *optional*, but appreciated)

**Disclaimer:** Giving your name is optional! It will not affect the nomination. We will not share your name with anyone but the Award judges. If you are uncomfortable giving your name, you may write your relationship with the nominee and/or just your initials.

**Nomination for Outstanding Direct Service Professional Award**

Presented at the annual Full Lives Conference

**Name of Nominee:**

Please describe how the nominee demonstrates the following direct service competencies; please be as succinct as possible, but use additional paper if needed.

**Passion for the work:**

**Respect for others and other cultures:**

**Initiative/Flexibility on the job:**

**Positive attitude on the job and in the workplace:**