

# PARENT *Leadership* AWARD

## PURPOSE

The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Parent Leadership Award is designed to acknowledge the contribution of any person in a parenting role who has shown outstanding leadership in addressing issues under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), known in California as the Early Start program.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The nominee must have served in a parenting role to a child with a developmental disability, or who is at risk for a developmental disability. He or she may be any individual whose leadership has made a significant difference to infants and toddlers with special needs and their families served under Early Start. Nominees may include members of the ICC, Community Representatives to the ICC, or members of other parent organizations, or individuals.

Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ✿ Extraordinary personal effort
- ✿ Substantial contribution to the field of early intervention
- ✿ Enhanced the quality of services
- ✿ Increased access and awareness of services
- ✿ Served in a mentorship capacity
- ✿ Promoted family relationships
- ✿ Empowered families
- ✿ Served as an advocate
- ✿ Showed outstanding leadership
- ✿ Represented the family voice at the local, state, or national levels
- ✿ Represented individual needs of their community

## SELECTION PROCESS

Nomination materials must include and should be limited to:

- ✿ a nomination form (see page 2), which includes contact information and a bio not to exceed 250 words\*
- ✿ a separate letter of nomination, not to exceed two pages, which includes an overview of the person's accomplishments as they relate to the award criteria
- ✿ two letters of support, not to exceed one page each

Nominations must be received by August 15, 2010 at:  
WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention  
Attention: ICC Parent Leadership Award  
1107 9th Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916/492-4002  
Please contact [cpei@wested.org](mailto:cpei@wested.org) with any questions.

The award recipient will be notified Fall 2010.

\* Self-nominations will not be considered.

