

**Help us recognize
outstanding
child care
providers!**

*Nominate child care
providers who have
provided exceptional
care to children
in the Triangle.*



2012 Nomination Packet

Mary Y. Bridgers

Child Care Provider Award



NOMINATIONS DEADLINE
Friday, February 3, 2012
at 5:00 pm



...ensuring affordable, accessible, high quality child care for all young children.

Dear Friends,

Each year, Child Care Services Association (CCSA) gathers community leaders and child care providers and advocates to celebrate the dedicated individuals working to ensure that the Triangle's children are receiving the highest-quality early care and education.

At our Triangle Child Care Awards Breakfast on March 30, CCSA will present the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award to a child care provider and three finalists in recognition of their professional commitment to young children and outstanding teaching practices.

The deadline for nominations is February 3, 2012.
Completed nominations packets must be received at CCSA by 5:00 pm.

In addition, the Dorothy B. Graham and Public Service awards will also be presented at the event. The Dorothy B. Graham Award is given to an individual who has been a leader in improving child care in the Triangle. The Public Service Award honors an individual whose work in the community has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of child care in the Triangle. Private citizens who volunteer their service to the community and elected public officials are eligible for this award. If you would like to request a nominations packet for these awards, contact Colby Falconer at (919) 967-3272 or visit www.childcareservices.org.

Please take some time to fill out the attached nomination packet and help us recognize the work of outstanding child care providers and the positive impact they have on our children.

CCSA's Triangle Child Care Awards Breakfast offers a rare opportunity to recognize an underappreciated group of dedicated professionals who work each day to guarantee that our children have the best possible start in life. Please help us give them the recognition and encouragement they deserve by submitting your nomination today.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dan Hudgins in black ink.

Dan Hudgins
Chair, Board of Directors

Handwritten signature of Sue Russell in black ink.

Sue Russell
President

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Do you know a really good teacher or family child care provider who could use \$500?

Mary Y. Bridgers

Child Care Provider Award

Presented to one child care teacher or family child care provider for outstanding direct service to children.

The Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award is named for Mary Y. Bridgers in recognition of her more than 30 years of service in Orange County as a child care provider and advocate for children. The nomination and recipient pool for this award includes child care providers in Durham, Orange and Wake counties. The Bridgers Award Committee, which includes members of the CCSA board of directors, community members and Mary Bridgers, selects five semi-finalists for the award. The environment of the classroom or family child care home of each semi-finalist is assessed using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale or the Family Child Care Rating Scale. The assessments, in combination with the criteria listed below, are used to select the award recipient from the group of five semi-finalists.

The criteria for selection of up to five semi-finalists include:

- Nomination by a parent, co-worker, director or other community member. (Self-nominations will not be accepted, but those who have been nominated in the past may be nominated again. Previous semi-finalists, but not winners, may also be renominated.)
- Works directly with children ages 0-5 years as a child care teacher or family child care provider.
- Works in a 4-star, 5-star or accredited child care program in Durham, Orange or Wake County.
- Works in a program that is in good standing with the state (no current administrative actions).
- Works in a program with no unresolved or substantiated investigations directly involving the nominee.
- Has a minimum of three years teaching experience with at least one year of service at current site.
- Has earned either an associate degree in early childhood education, an associate degree with at least 30 semester hours in early childhood education or child development, or a bachelor's degree in any field. This minimum educational requirement is equivalent to a "8" on the Early Educator Certification Scale or Child Care WAGES® Project salary supplement scale. (www.childcareservices.org/_downloads/WAGES_Supplement_Charts8_11.pdf)
- Has participated in leadership, mentoring and/or advocacy activities for child care issues, either within the nominee's own child care program or within her/his community.
- Has exactly three parent reference forms submitted on her/his behalf.
- Has one reference letter from the Program Director submitted on her/his behalf (not required for family child care providers).
- Has one reference letter from another teacher in the program submitted in her/his behalf (not required for family child care providers).
- Parent reference and nomination forms are included on the next three pages. Before returning your packet, be sure to check above to see if your nominee has met all of the requirements!





Mary Y. Bridgers

Child Care Provider Award

I nominate _____ for the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award.

My Name (please print): _____

My Signature: _____ Date: _____

My Street Address or PO Box: _____

My City/State/Zip: _____

My Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

The person I am nominating is a (circle one): Teacher Family Child Care Provider

She/He works at (program name): _____

Program Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Program Director (if nominee is a teacher): _____

Program Telephone: _____

Age(s) of children currently served by nominee: _____

I have filled in all of the blanks above and have attached the following required documents:

- College transcripts and/or EEC Certificate – *Get these early; they must be turned in with the nomination form! Copies are OK.*
- Nominee's acceptance form
- Exactly three parent reference forms
- One reference letter from the program director (not required for family child care providers)
- One reference letter from another teacher in the program (not required for family child care homes)

Completed nomination forms and all attachments for the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award must be submitted to Child Care Services Association no later than Friday, February 3, 2012, at 5:00 pm. Please see last page for our mailing addresses and office locations.



Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award

Congratulations, you are being nominated for the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award, presented semi-annually by Child Care Services Association! Please complete all items below to be considered for the award.

Home address: _____ Phone number: _____

EXPERIENCE

Have you taught children at your current child care program since January 2009? Yes No

If no, list program names, phone numbers and dates served from January 2009 through December 2011:

Program Name	Phone Number	Dates Served
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EDUCATION

Please enclose a college transcript or proof of EEC Certification.

LEADERSHIP

In what leadership, mentoring and/or advocacy activities for child care issues have you participated? These activities could have taken place within your child care program or within the community. Please give as much detail as possible (dates, location, collaborators, etc.) and explain your role in the activity. If you need more space, use another sheet of paper.

NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT

As a nominee for the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award, I certify that all of the information listed above is true and correct. If selected as a semi-finalist, I agree to an assessment of my classroom or family child care home using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale or the Family Child Care Rating Scale. I understand that the assessment will occur sometime in February/March 2012 during normal business hours, without a scheduled appointment. If selected, I agree to attend Child Care Services Association's Triangle Child Care Awards Breakfast at the William & Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education on Friday, March 30, 2012, from 8:00 to 9:30 am.



Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award

The nomination form for the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award must be accompanied by three Parent Reference Forms. *Please make copies of this reference form*, which must be used. The attached Parent Reference Form in Spanish is the only substitute permitted. Please submit exactly three forms.

Your Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

What is the name of your child's teacher or family child care provider? _____

How old is your child? _____

What kinds of planned or unplanned activities does your child participate in and enjoy at her/his child care program?

What are some ways that the teacher/provider interacts with your child?

How does the teacher/provider encourage your child to develop language skills?

What information about your child or your child's day does the teacher/provider share with you and how does she/he share it?

Why do you think this teacher/provider should receive the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award?

Thank you for completing this form.



Premio DE Mary Y. Bridgers

Para Proveedor de Cuidado Infantil

La forma de nominación para el premio de Mary Y. Bridgers para Proveedor de Cuidado Infantil debe de estar acompañada con tres formas de padre referencias. Por favor haga tres copias de esta forma de referencia para que los padres llenen con la propia información.

Imprime su nombre aquí _____

Firma _____ Fecha _____

¿Qué es el nombre de la maestra de su niño o proveedora de Cuidado Infantil? _____

¿Cuántos años tiene su niño? _____

¿Qué tipo de actividades planeado o sin planear ha participado su niño y disfrutado en la guardería?

¿Qué son algunas modas que la maestra/proveedorora interactúa con su niño?

¿Cómo la maestra/proveedorora animara a su niño a desarrollar las capacidades de lenguaje?

¿Qué información de su niño o el día de su niño comparte la maestra con tigo y como lo comparte?

¿Por qué tu crees que esta maestra/proveedorora debe recibir el premio de Mary Y. Bridgers para Proveedor de Cuidado Infantil?

¡Muchas Gracias por completando esta forma!

Mary Y. Bridgers

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**NOMINATIONS
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Submit all nominations to:

Child Care Services Association

1829 E. Franklin St., Building 1000

PO Box 901

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

OR

Child Care Services Association

1201 South Briggs Avenue

Durham, NC 27707

OR

Fax to 919.967.7683