



**NOMINATIONS
DEADLINE**
Friday, January 19, 2024
at 5:00 p.m.

2024 Nomination Packet*

Dorothy B. Graham

Early Childhood Leadership Award

and

Child Care Services Association

Public Service Award

Help us recognize outstanding child care advocates and providers. Nominate the individuals and elected officials who have provided exceptional service or leadership on behalf of the Triangle’s young children.



*Find more information about these awards and the Mary Y. Bridgers Early Childhood Teacher Award at <https://www.childcareservices.org/awards-breakfast/>



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

Dear Friends,

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

At our Triangle Child Care Awards Breakfast on March 8, 2024, CCSA will present the Dorothy B. Graham Early Childhood Leadership Award to an individual who has been a leader in improving child care in the Triangle. We will also present the Public Service Award to honor an individual whose work in the community has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of child care in the Triangle. You may nominate either a private citizen who volunteers his or her service to the community or an elected public official for this award.

The deadline for nominations is January 19, 2024. Complete nomination packets must be received at CCSA by 5:00 p.m.

In addition, the Mary Y. Bridgers Early Childhood Teacher Award will be presented at the event. This award is given to an early childhood teacher and three finalists in recognition of their professional commitment and outstanding care to children. If you would like information about this award, contact Carolyn Reynolds at carolynr@childcareservices.org or (919) 967-3272.

Please complete the attached nomination packet and help us recognize the work taking place to improve the lives of children and families in the Triangle.

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 our children the best possible start in life. Please help us give them the recognition and encouragement they deserve by submitting your nomination today.

Visit <https://www.childcareservices.org/awards-breakfast/> for more information about these awards and the 2024 Triangle Child Care Awards Breakfast.

Sincerely,

Aleksandra Holod
Chair, Board of Directors

Dr. Kristi Snuggs
President



Dorothy B. Graham

Early Childhood Leadership Award

Presented to one child care leader in Durham, Orange or Wake counties for outstanding service on behalf of young children.

The Dorothy B. Graham Early Childhood Leadership Award was created in 1998 to recognize and honor individuals who have made a difference in the lives of young children in Wake, Durham or Orange counties. The award was named for Dorothy B. Graham in recognition of her more than 25 years of leadership and dedication to the early care and educational needs of young children in Durham County and statewide. The nomination pool for this award includes early childhood leaders in Durham, Orange and Wake counties.

The criteria for selection of the individual include:

- Demonstrating a commitment to improve the quality of early education in Durham, Orange or Wake County
- Possessing a leadership role in improving early education in Durham, Orange or Wake County
- Working to mobilize others to action to accomplish goals for children and families
- Bringing about significant changes that result in improving the quality of life for families and young children in Durham, Orange or Wake counties

**I nominate _____
for the Dorothy B. Graham Early Childhood Leadership Award.**

Nominator's Name (please print): _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail: _____

Please complete the rest of this form on page 2.

Completed nomination forms for the Dorothy B. Graham Early Childhood Leadership Award must be submitted to Child Care Services Association no later than Friday, January 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Please see the last page for our mailing addresses and office locations.



Dorothy B. Graham

Early Childhood Leadership Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Occupation: _____ Nominee's Employer: _____

Nominee's Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Work Address (if preferred): _____

Phone Number: (home) _____ (work) _____

Please briefly describe three accomplishments of this individual:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Please list three people that can give us more information about this individual:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

And/or E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

And/or E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

And/or E-mail: _____

*Thank you! Have you completed page 1?
Up to two pages of attachments may be included with your nomination.*

Child Care Services Association

Public Service Award



Presented to one public official or community volunteer serving Durham, Orange or Wake County for outstanding service on behalf of young children

Because young children cannot speak for themselves, they are often dependent on public officials and community advocates to speak on their behalf and to create public policies that will protect them and enrich their lives. Therefore, the CCSA Public Service Award was created in 2000 to recognize and honor volunteers and elected public officials who have made a difference in the lives of young children. The nomination pool for this award includes private citizens who volunteer their time to the community or elected officials in Durham, Orange and Wake counties.

The criteria for selection of the individual include:

- Currently resides in Durham, Orange or Wake County
- Currently serves or has served any geographic area located in Durham, Orange or Wake County as an elected public official or community volunteer
- Demonstration of a commitment to improve the quality of early education
- Assuming a leadership role in improving early education in Durham, Orange or Wake County
- Mobilization of others to action to accomplish goals for children and families
- Bringing about significant changes that improve the quality of life for families and young children

**I nominate _____
for the Public Service Award.**

Nominator's Name (please print): _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail: _____

Please complete the rest of this form on page 2.

Completed nomination forms for the Child Care Services Association Public Service Award must be submitted to Child Care Services Association no later than Friday, January 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Please see the last page for our mailing addresses and office locations.

Child Care Services Association

Public Service Award



Nominee's name: _____

Nominee's elected position and service area or volunteer area: _____

Nominee's local office address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Work Address (if preferred): _____

Phone Number: (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail: _____

Please briefly describe three accomplishments of this individual:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please list three people that might be able to give us more information about this individual:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

And/or E-mail: _____

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Past Winners



Dorothy B. Graham Early Childhood Leadership Award

Quinton Baker

Peggy Ball

Nell G. Barnes

MaryAnn Black

Rosia Butler

Beverly Evans

Linda Foxworth

Allison Haltom

Daniel Hudgins

Connie Watson Kennedy

Yvette Leathers

Alice Long

Anna Mercer-McLean

Ellen Reckhow

Michele Rivest

Kate Sanford

Kimberly Shaw

Florianna Thompson

Barbara VanDewoestine

Child Care Services Association Public Service Award

Pam Dowdy

Representative Rosa Gill

Jim Goodman

Representative Joe Hackney

Jessica Holmes

Representative Verla Insko

Senator Ellie Kinnaird

Senator Jeanne Lucas

Howard Lee

Mike Mathers

Floyd McKissick

Michael Page

Dr. Neil Pederson

Congressman David Price

Harold G. Sellars

Representative Julie von Haefen

Representative Jennifer Weiss



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January 19, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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Child Care Leadership Award
and

Child Care Services Association

Public Service Award

Submit all nominations to:

Child Care Services Association
Attn: Carolyn Reynolds
1829 E. Franklin St., Building 1000
PO Box 901
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
carolynr@childcareservices.org

OR

Fax to (919) 967-7683

