

## **PSC WA CHILDCARE AWARDS – FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

### **NUTRITION EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION PACKAGE 2010**

#### **ABOUT THE AWARDS**

The 2010 WA Childcare Awards have been established to recognize Early Childhood Educators and services who are innovative in their approach and who exhibit an outstanding commitment to ensuring quality outcomes for our community's children. Working with children is one of the most important jobs we can do. Creating and maintaining a learning and caring environment that represents best practice is hard work. These awards recognise the leaders in service delivery, those who go that bit further to surpass accepted standards - those who deserve recognition!

#### **ALL AWARD WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:**

- a commemorative trophy
- an award certificate

#### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

**The Closing Date for these applications is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at 4.30pm.**

There are 5 awards categories. They are:

- 2010 Innovative Service Award
- 2010 Individual Leadership Award
- Peer Nominated Early Childhood Educators Award
- Nutrition Excellence Award
- Professional Development Award

This document is the Application Package for the Nutrition Excellence Award.

#### **HOW TO ENTER**

- Nominations can be made by the service themselves via self nomination or by a colleague or parent.

- All nominations can be made on an official Application Form or portfolio ensuring all selection criteria is addressed.
- Once the nomination materials are received by the Awards Committee; they become the property of the Committee. Nomination materials will not be returned.
- Self-nominees must address all the criteria in their application. It is important to note that we are looking for candidate with examples of achievements who have gone above and beyond what would normally be expected of them in their role with children and families.
- We encourage all staff and services from long day care, family day care, out of school hours care and rural and remote services to apply.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The awards are open to individuals that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and made a major contribution to the children's services sector in WA. Qualities of excellence will be measured against specified selection criteria. The final selection will be considered within this broad context.

Nominations must include the details of one referee.

## Priority Selection Criteria Nutrition Excellence Award

The nutritional adequacy criteria are based on menus operating over a two week cycle.

The menu must include one meal and two snacks per day.

For menus to successfully meet this criterion, they must provide children with at least 50% of children's daily nutrition requirements (based on the Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents).

1. All food preparation staff have completed food handling and hygiene training.
2. Submission of one month of menus must be provided.
3. Services current food and nutrition policy and evidence of how practices reflect this policy.
4. How different cultures and religious requirements are represented (e.g, Halal and Kosher) when planning a menu.
5. Provide examples of how the menu caters for children with allergies.
6. Evidence of how the menu is revised (eg parent input).
7. Meals and snacks are presented in an aesthetic and appealing manner, (this includes the table setting, type of crockery and utensils provided, the meal environment (including ambience and atmosphere).

## Application Form: Nutrition Excellence Award

### Nominees Details

Name .....

Address.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

Service Currently Working At .....

### Current Qualification & Training

**(This must be completed for self-nomination. If nominating someone other than yourself, please complete as much as is known.)**

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## **Selection Criteria**

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**(This page is to be completed by self nominees only.)**

**If you are successful, how do you envisage this award will enhance;**

The service you work for:

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Children and community you live in:

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**REFEREE DETAILS**

Name .....

Organisation .....

Telephone.....

Other.....

**SUPPORTING MATERIAL**

Please attach any relevant material you may consider will support this application. For example, visual evidence such as photos, videos, slideshows, letters from people related to your community activities, employers, training facilitators, parents or colleagues.

**DECLARATION**

I have read the terms and conditions which form part of my application for the 2010 WA Childcare Awards and consent for my personal information to be used by CHILD AUSTRALIA for publicity and media purposes. I understand that I may be contacted by media and publicity organisations and will allow my details and photograph to be used in media releases and promotional material.

Signed by Applicant: .....

Date .....

Please check that you have completed the following:

Addressed the selection criteria	
Completed the application form in full	
Signed the application form	
Completed your details	
Attached any supporting material	

Please send your application to: PO Box 2562, Malaga WA 6944, Fax: (08) 9249 4366 or Email: [pscwa@childaustralia.org.au](mailto:pscwa@childaustralia.org.au)

## Terms and Conditions

1. Applicants must lodge applications by 4.30pm on **Friday, 3rd September 2010**.
2. By making an Application you agree and accept these terms and conditions.
3. Applicants must be currently employed within the children's services sector in WA in any of the service types.
4. Applicants must be permanent residents or citizens of Australia and reside in WA.
5. The Judging Panel will be appointed by the CHILD AUSTRALIA Professional Support Coordinator Western Australia.
6. The decision of the Judging Panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. Short listed Applicants will be informed of the proof required and the acceptable forms of proof e.g. employment within children's services.
8. PSC WA / CHILD AUSTRALIA have the right to publish an Award recipient's photographs for promotional purposes. Applicants consent to their personal information being used as part of the Application. e.g. Website, media releases, promotional material, publications and annual reports.
9. The Judges reserve the right not to grant the Award in the event of there being, in their opinion, no deserving Applicant.
10. All Application forms and supporting material submitted will become the property of CHILD AUSTRALIA. The Judging Panel reserves the right to, at any time, wholly or partially revoke or alters any or all of these terms and conditions.
11. Except for any liability, which cannot be excluded by law, CHILD AUSTRALIA shall not be liable for any loss or damage, which is suffered or sustained by any person who makes an Application or is an Award recipient.