

# MECKLENBURG COUNTY 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SYSTEM OF CARE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



MeckCARES is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual System of Care (SOC) Awards on **May 10, 2012 from 6:00-9:00 pm at Charlotte Marriott SouthPark**. We would like to recognize and award *individuals and teams* that have consistently incorporated and demonstrated the System of Care principles and practices in their work and in their lives. The four types of nominations include:

**Community Partners**  
**Family Partners**  
**Youth Partners**  
**Direct Care Workers**

The 11 different nomination categories are based on the System of Care Principles:

Family-Driven  
Youth-Guided  
Natural Supports  
Individualized  
Persistence  
Culturally and Linguistically Competent  
Strengths Based  
Collaboration  
Child and Family Team Based  
Outcome Based and Data Driven  
Community Based

Nomination Criteria:

1. Which principle has the nominee consistently demonstrated in the last year?
2. How does this nominee apply the principle in their everyday work and life? (please provide rich, descriptive examples)
3. How did the nominee's deeds impact consumers, agencies, families, or other SOC partners in the last year? (please include any supporting information and materials including press, photos, testimonials, etc)

**All nominations must be received by MeckCARES by April 20, 2012 at 5 PM** to be considered for this year's awards. Please keep the responses brief (100 words or less) and be mindful that decisions will be based on demonstration of the above mentioned criteria.

There are many ways to submit your nominations:

- Mail: 429 Billingsley Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Charlotte NC 28211 ATTN: Jill Scott
- Fax: (704) 336-4383
- MeckCARES website: [meckcares.charmeck.org](http://meckcares.charmeck.org)
- Email: [jill.dineen-scott@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:jill.dineen-scott@mecklenburgcountync.gov)

Questions? Please visit: **[meckcares.charmeck.org](http://meckcares.charmeck.org)**

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**Name of Nominee:**

**Date of Nomination:**

**Contact # of Nominee:**

**Job Title/Agency:**

**Name & Relationship of Person Nominating:**

**Supervisor of the Nominee:**

**Contact # of Supervisor:**

(All nominations will be confirmed with supervisor for verification of traits identified)

**\*Please Note:** Family and Youth nominations do not require employment information. A substitution of agency or organization affiliation will suffice.

**Type of Nomination (check one):**

Community Partner     Family Partner     Youth Partner     Direct Care Worker

**Category of Nomination (check only one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child & Family Team Based | <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally & Linguistically Competent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Supports          | <input type="checkbox"/> Individualized                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration             | <input type="checkbox"/> Strength-Based                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Driven             | <input type="checkbox"/> Persistence                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Guided              | <input type="checkbox"/> Outcome Based & Data Driven           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based           |  |

**Reasons this partner should be nominated (100 words or less):**

System of Care (SOC) would like to recognize and award Community/Family Partners (inclusive of donors), teams/departments (inclusive of community support provider agencies) and/or individuals that utilize SOC principles and practices. To assist you in completing the nomination form, please keep in mind that the nominee must consistently implement and display one of the practices or principles at the heart of SOC. The nominee must also use these practices and principles daily in their work, knowledge, attitude, skills and behaviors.

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Keeping these criteria in mind, what specific event caused you to nominate this person for this award? Please keep each response to 100 words or less and typed only. **Using the space provided, please nominate an individual for consistently displaying one particular principle or practice listed below.**

## **CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM BASED**

(Requires mutual respect and meaningful partnerships between families and professionals at all levels.):  
The Child and Family Team consists of individuals agreed upon by the family and committed to them through informal, formal, and community support and service relationships.

## **NATURAL SUPPORTS**

Teams at all levels of the system actively seek out and encourage the full participation of members drawn from professional, interpersonal, and community networks. The formal service system alone cannot possibly meet the complex and changing needs of youth and families.

## **COLLABORATION**

(Engages child and family-serving agencies from the public, private, and faith-based sector):  
System of Care is a collaborative process undertaken by teams of people who have a strong commitment to the community's well being. Team members at all levels of the system work cooperatively and share responsibility for developing, organizing, monitoring, and evaluating a comprehensive network of community-based services and supports to meet the multiple and changing needs of youth and families. The Community Collaborative includes representatives from a diverse array of formal and informal service and support providers (Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Schools, Mental Health, Public Health, Faith Community, Recreation, Nonprofit Organizations, Civic Clubs, etc).

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## **FAMILY-DRIVEN**

Family perspectives are intentionally elicited and prioritized, and help drive the Wraparound process. Planning is grounded in family members' perspectives and the Team strives to provide options and choices such that One Child One Plan reflects family values and preferences.

## **YOUTH-GUIDED**

Youth perspectives and involvement are intentionally elicited and prioritized, and help guide the Wraparound process. Planning is grounded in youth's perspectives and the Team strives to provide options and choices such that One Child One Plan reflects youth values, strengths and preferences.

## **COMMUNITY BASED**

(Engaging home, school, and community-based resources as the optimal method for providing care and support to children and families.): Services and supports take place in the most inclusive, most responsive, most accessible, and least restrictive settings possible and safely promote youth and family integration into home, school, and community life.

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## **CULTURALLY & LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT**

Refers to a defined set of organizational values and principles, as well as behaviors, attitudes, policies, and structures that enable systems to work effectively cross-culturally.): All processes within a System of Care demonstrate respect for and build on the values, preferences, beliefs, culture, and identity of the community and each individual youth and family.

## **INDIVIDUALIZED**

(Acknowledges each child and family's unique set of strengths and challenges and builds care plans that optimize those strengths while meeting the challenges.): All processes are tailored to the community and the individual being served. At the community level, plans are based on the unique assets, resources, and culture of Mecklenburg County. At the individual level, each Child and Family Team develops and implements a plan including a customized set of strategies, supports, and services.

## **STRENGTH BASED**

All processes identify, build on and enhance the capabilities, knowledge, skills, and assets of the community, team members, and individual youth and families.

## **PERSISTENCE**

Despite challenges, teams at all levels persist in working toward the goals identified through participatory planning processes. Strategies to meet the needs identified in One Child One Plan can be changed or revised to be successfully achieved. Families are not 'dropped' from services, plans are modified.

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## **OUTCOMED BASED & DATA DRIVEN**

(Refers to the continual assessment of practice, organizational, and financial outcomes to determine the System of Care's effectiveness in meeting the needs of children and families.): Goals and strategies are tied to observable (specific) or measurable indicators of success, progress is monitored in terms of these indicators. Plans are revised accordingly.

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Nominator's Name and Date

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Nominator's Signature

Please submit your completed nomination form by **April 4, 2012 to Jill Dineen-Scott:**

Email: [Jill.Dineen-Scott@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Jill.Dineen-Scott@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov)

Postal or interoffice mail: 429 Billingsley Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Charlotte, NC 28211

Fax: 704-336-4383

Or for questions: 704-336-3793

Please feel free to attach additional pages for more space.

You can also access this form online on the MeckCares website: [MeckCares.CharMeck.org](http://MeckCares.CharMeck.org)