

Department of Health and Human Services

Adoption Excellence Awards 2008 Nominations

In the United States, there are currently 510,000 children in foster care. Of these children, 129,000 are awaiting a permanent home. The Adoption Excellence Awards, presented by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), have been awarded annually since 1997 to recognize individuals, families, States, Tribes, and organizations that share and support HHS's priority for permanency for children in public foster care. The awards demonstrate the Department's national commitment to rebuild the lives of children in foster care and provide national recognition to those who achieve permanency for those awaiting adoption.

For more information about the awards and past recipients visit the Children's Bureau website:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/current_initiatives/aeawards.htm
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Award Categories

Decrease in the Length of Time that
Children in Foster Care Wait for
Adoption

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Increased Adoptions of Older Children

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Inter-jurisdictional Adoptions

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Faith-Based Initiatives

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Support for Adoptive Families

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Individual and/or Family Contributions

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Philanthropy and/or Business
Contributions/Initiatives

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Judicial or Child Welfare System
Improvement

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Adoption of Minority Children from
Foster Care

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Media/Public Awareness of Adoption
from Foster Care



A complete nomination package
must be received by COB:

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