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Professional Impact NJ

is pleased to announce

The Sixth Annual Professional Development Awards

in collaboration with

the NJ Association for the Education of Young Children (NJAEYC)

and the

NJ Statewide Coalition for Child Care

Call for Nominations

The four awards*, to be presented at the NJAEYC Annual Conference in Atlantic City on Saturday, October 15, 2011, are as follows:

- 1) *The Becker Brothers Professional Development Award* for a child care program director/administrator or school age director/administrator who recognizes and promotes professional development within his/her program.
- 2) *The Lakeshore Professional Development Award* for a child care program staff member or school age staff member who exemplifies dedication and determination in advancing his/her own professional development.
- 3) *The Kaplan Professional Development Award* for a family child care provider who exemplifies dedication and determination in advancing his/her own professional development.
- 4) *The School Specialty Newcomer Recognition Award* for a teacher/provider/caregiver just beginning in the field who exhibits the qualities of a future leader.

*See reverse side for information about awardee benefits.

Rating Criteria (points awarded for each criterion met)

A nominee should be someone who:

- a) Works in an early childhood program or family child care home that is accredited or in the process of seeking accreditation.
- b) Participates in *The NJ Registry for Childhood Professionals Serving Children Birth Through Age Thirteen*.
- c) Has made an investment in his/her professional development above and beyond licensing and registration requirements.
- d) Supports the professional development of others through CDA advisement, offering trainings, mentoring others etc.
- e) Demonstrates advocacy and leadership for children and families (e.g. follows the NAEYC *Code of Ethical Conduct*).
- f) Contributes through community involvement (e.g. participation on local, county, state, or national level governing or advisory boards, community coalitions, NJAEYC membership, local NJAEYC affiliate activities, etc).

The awardees will be determined by the Professional Impact NJ Communications Committee which is comprised of volunteers from the early childhood community, members of NJAEYC and Professional Impact NJ staff.

Deadline for Nominations is September 9th.



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The winner of each award will receive the following (restrictions apply**):

- 1) A voucher for merchandise, provided by the corporate sponsor for which each award is named.
- 2) A scholarship furnished by the Dr. Maxine Fischel Fund of the Statewide Coalition for Child Care* which covers**
 - a) One night's hotel stay to attend the conference on October 14th and 15th
- 3) The NJAEYC Leadership Award which includes
 - a) NJAEYC Conference Registration
 - b) A one-year *comprehensive* membership (or membership renewal) to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
 - c) A one-year honorary seat on the awardee's local NJAEYC affiliate Governing Board.

The presentation of the award will take place on Saturday morning, October 15, 2011 at the Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ.

*The Statewide Coalition for Child Care is disbanded but has created a scholarship fund in honor of one of their founding members, Dr. Maxine Fischel, a tireless advocate for children and their families.

**Please note, if you cannot attend the conference, you will forfeit the prize outlined in #2 above. No substitutions will be allowed.

The deadline for nominations is September 9, 2011.

Winners will be notified in early October.

Please submit nominations to:

**By mail: Professional Impact NJ
Kean University
Willis Hall – Rm 300
Union, NJ 07083.**

By fax: 908 737-4225

If you have additional questions, please call Leigh Ann Waldvogel at 908 737-4246.



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Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Name* _____

*Please do not nominate yourself.

Award you are nominating the above for (please check):

- The Beckers Professional Development Award (for Program Directors or Administrators)*
- The Lakeshore Professional Development Award (for Program staff members)*
- The Kaplan Professional Development Award (for family child care providers)*
- The School Specialty Newcomer Recognition Award (for a novice teacher/provider)*

Nominee's Title _____

Program Name (if applicable) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Contact Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

On the following page, please state your reasons for nominating this person and use the table to indicate the evidence supporting the nomination.

Your Name _____

Your Organization _____

Your Title _____

Your Telephone # _____

E-mail address _____

Your Signature _____

Please submit nomination forms to:
 Professional Impact NJ
 Kean University
 Willis Hall-Room 300
 Union, NJ 07083

or by fax 908 737-4225.

Deadline September 9, 2011.

Nomination Form – page 2

Name of Nominee _____

I have nominated the person named above because she/he has shown a commitment to Professional Excellence in the following ways – PLEASE REFER TO THE CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES (you may attach additional sheets if necessary).

In the table below, please indicate how the nominee meets the criterion (refer to the criteria on page 1 for further detail). Points will be awarded for each criterion met. Give as many examples as you can.

Criteria	Evidence
a) Works in an accredited program or one seeking accreditation	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
b) <i>NJ Registry</i> participant	<hr/>
c) Invests in personal professional development	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
d) Supports professional development of others	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
e) Demonstrates advocacy and leadership	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
f) Contributes through community involvement	<hr/> <hr/>