

Tallent Advocacy Award

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The selection criteria are based on Aristotle's three components of ethical action: Perception, to recognize what needs to be done; Reason, to formulate and put forth practical solutions; and Desire, to persevere in bringing about positive change. The selection committee evaluates the following characteristics of nominees, who must have demonstrated leadership by:

- Perceiving and raising awareness of a need, problem or opportunity that should be addressed
- Advocating a practical solution or course of action to benefit the common good
- Inspiring others to share his or her vision and goals

Additional considerations:

- A mental health advocate (of at least 15 years) who has made significant contributions to the mental health of Oklahoma's children.
- Nominees must reside in Oklahoma.
- The person has been involved in the mentoring of current and future mental health advocates and exemplifies the ethics and integrity modeled by Jeff Tallent.
- The person has played an exceptional role in enhancing awareness of children's mental health needs and is generally recognized as an outspoken advocate for the promotion of Family Driven, Youth Guided, and Culturally Competent Care.

The selection committee will include one ODMHSAS representative, a former recipient, and a member of the Tallent family.

The committee is solely responsible for the final selection of the recipient of the Tallent Advocate Award.

"I think the thing that has surprised and impressed me the most during my years of advocacy for children with severe behavioral health & substance abuse issues is the resilience & hope that characterizes so many of the families that I have met. I think the most important thing I have learned is that often a child in crisis is the tip of an iceberg that is a family in crisis for a whole host of reasons. And that means that if you are going to be an effective advocate for children with behavioral health & substance abuse issues, you need to be an advocate for the entire system which touches mental health & substance abuse issues." - Jeff Tallent

The Tallent Advocacy Award was established by the ODMHSAS to reinforce a sense of history and tradition in the state's children's mental health community and to highlight the advocacy done on the behalf of children's mental health in the state of Oklahoma. The award is based on the many years, tireless hours and many miles of effort that Jeff Tallent has dedicated to improving children's mental health.

Deadline: April 29, 2016

Submit Nominations to:

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