



The Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board (ACMHAB) is seeking nominations for its 2020 Community Service Awards.

All community-based mental health providers, family members, consumers, and interested parties are invited to submit nominations using this link: <https://acbhmhab.typeform.com/to/fYXpke>

Community Service Awards will be presented to individuals, groups, and organizations in Alameda County who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of people with mental illness. Recognition is for areas such as: mental health education of the public, elimination of stigma, preventing or fighting housing discrimination, creation of new innovative programs, fundraising for mental health activities, long-term financial support of mental health programs, provision of community support activities emphasizing mental health, facilitating others through advocacy or intervention, or working toward new mental health legislation. The ACMHAB's intent is to award community members who serve people with mental illness and improve the quality of their lives.

Nominees will be invited to attend, and awardees will be asked to give a short speech upon receiving an award.

Deadline for Receipt of Nominations is 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 26, 2020

Please use the convenient online link to submit your nomination:

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Awards will be presented to awardees at the ACMHAB Community Service Awards dinner on May 14, 2020.

Award Categories are:

- Child/Young Adult: An individual, group or organization that has contributed, enhanced and expanded mental health services to infants, children, and young adults in Alameda County.
- Adult/Older Adult: An individual, group or organization that has contributed, enhanced and expanded mental health and forensic services to adults and older adults in Alameda County.
- Consumer: An individual who has received mental health services and who has helped to improve the provision of mental health services.
- Cultural Responsiveness: An individual or agency who has performed outstanding work in promoting or embracing utilization of culturally responsive, community-defined approaches to more effective work with the ethnic or cultural communities they serve or support.
- Family: An individual with a family member who receives mental health services who has helped to improve the provision of mental health services.
- Professional: A professional individual, business, or faith-based organization who is not a BHCS mental health contractor or employee and provides extraordinary support for, or provision of, mental health services.
- Volunteer: An individual who provides extraordinary mental health services without financial compensation for their work.
- Youth Recognition: A youth individual who has contributed, enhanced and expanded mental health services in Alameda County.

Additional Award Criteria:

1. Nominations are preferred for recent activity but may recognize long term activity or service.
2. Awards are for Alameda county residents or for nominees who have provided activities or services which benefit persons with mental illness in Alameda county.
3. **Behavioral Health Care (BHCS) employees are not eligible.**

Final Selections will be made by the Mental Health Advisory board, who will review the qualifications of the nominees.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!