



MI Immunization Timely Tips

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CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award Call for Nominations

We are pleased to announce that Michigan is now accepting nominations for the 2013 *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award*. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC Foundation will honor up to one immunization *Champion* from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.



This is an annual award that recognizes individuals who make a significant contribution toward improving public health through their work in childhood immunization. Awardees will be announced and recognized by the CDC during National Infant Immunization Week, April 20-27, 2013.

The *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award* is intended to recognize individuals who are working at the community level. It honors those who are doing an exemplary job and going above and beyond to promote or foster childhood immunizations in their communities among children 0-2 years.

In 2012, 39 individuals were honored as *CDC Childhood Immunization Champions*. The 2012 awardees can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/champions/past/recent-past-profiles.html>.

Award Criteria

A *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion* is an individual who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Has provided community leadership on immunization issues and collaborated with others to build support for and increase immunization rates of infants and young children
- Has used creative and/or innovative strategies to promote infant and young child immunization and meet unique immunization challenges within their community, state or region, including, for example, reaching hard-to-reach or under-immunized populations
- Has been a visible childhood immunization champion in a community and/or medical system by acting as a spokesperson, advocate, and/or educator
- Has been an advocate for childhood immunization policy advancements

Eligibility

Childhood Immunization Champions can include coalition members, parents, health care professionals (e.g., physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, etc.), and other immunization leaders who meet the award criteria mentioned above.

Note: State immunization program managers, state and federal government employees of health agencies, individuals who have been affiliated with and/or employed by pharmaceutical companies and those who have already received the award are not eligible.

Nominations

Self-nominations are welcome or you may submit an application for another individual. Please use the [Childhood Immunization Champion Award Program Nomination Packet](#). Complete pages 2-6 and submit to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) no later than March 15, 2013. Please contact Stephanie Sanchez, MDCH, if you need assistance with completing the nomination packet or if you have any questions or comments about this award. Stephanie may be reached at 517-335-9011 or sanchezs@michigan.gov.

The Nomination Packet is posted at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/champions/downloads/nomination.pdf>.