

MASSB 2016 Recognition of Innovation and Leadership

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AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Creativity, coupled with compassion and commitment, all in the in face of scarce resources, has fostered the development of innovative programs by County Departments of Social Services (DSS). The Paul Hastings Award is MASSB's opportunity to recognize these efforts while providing a platform for departments to share these efforts with one another.

Awarded annually as part of the MASSB Annual Conference, each local DSS is invited to nominate itself, with the award criteria focusing on honoring the most innovative programs implemented in the past year to provide DSS services. These do not have to be Board-led or Board-initiated projects.

The Paul Hastings Award includes a monetary allocation to the recipients MASSB Foundation account. The award for First Place is **\$1,000**, Second Place **\$600**, Third Place **\$400**.

To nominate a program/initiative, please submit a 1-2 page description, including families/ staff impacted, cost of activity, any resulting cost/time savings, and likelihood for replication. Nominees should be prepared to make a presentation highlighting the program/initiative during the MASSB Annual Conference.

Forward submissions to markpoerio@paulhastings.com by October 5th.

Past award winners include:

Homeless Shelter Joint Venture	Caroline County
Launching Families Initiative	Harford County
Youth Work Program	Prince George's County
Weight Management Program for Staff	Talbot County

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to a Board member for demonstrating extraordinary leadership on the local Board/ department or through community work and helping individuals in conjunction with social work.

Nominations must be made in the form of a letter that speaks to the merits of the nominated Board member from a fellow Board member, a local director, or a member of the community.

Forward submissions to stacy.reidswain@maryland.gov by October 5th.

BOARD OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to a Board that has distinguished itself by work on behalf of DHR and /or local Department of Social Services, the community, or for assisting individuals in conjunction with a Board's efforts in social work. ***Nominations must be made in the form of a letter that speaks to the merits of the nominated Board from a local director or community member.***

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