

Subject: 2017 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award Program Launched–Nominations due February 24th - URGENT

CDC and the CDC Foundation are happy to announce that the nomination materials for the 2017 *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award* are ready!

The *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award* is an annual award that recognizes individuals who make a significant contribution toward improving public health through their work in childhood immunization. Each year, the *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion* honors up to one person from each of the 50 U.S. states, 8 U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia.

We would appreciate your help in promoting this award to your constituents or members. *Champions* can come from a variety of settings. Please ask your constituents to consider all kinds of nominees, including parent advocates, community members, and health care professionals who go above and beyond their expected responsibilities to ensure that children in their communities get their vaccines on time.

The attached kit provides details about all aspects of the nomination process. Nominations should be submitted to the Immunization Program Manager in the state or territory where the nominee resides by **February 3, 2017**. Either you or your constituents may submit nominations. Program Managers will review all nominations received and select one for submission to CDC by **February 24, 2017**. CDC will review nominations for each state and announce awardees during National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), April 22-29, 2017. A list of Immunization Program Managers and their contact information can be found in the attached nomination kit.

A full suite of materials for your use in promoting the award to your constituents is available on our website (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>). For more information about the *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award*, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>

Thank you helping us to honor the great immunization work being done at the state and local levels. If you have any questions please email IMZChamps@cdc.gov.

Thank you!

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