



National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence - Rochester Area

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Dear Fellow Professional:

In 1990, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Rochester Area established the Helen Guthrie Memorial Youth Advocate of the Year Award.

We are excited to be able to select and honor a recipient for this year’s 34th Annual Award. The selection will be made from your nominations of professionals who have excelled in the promotion, enhancement, and support of services for youth.

Past recipients include:

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| 1990 | Judy Andrew | 2007 | Linda McAndrew |
| 1991 | Patti Fedele | 2008 | Angel Curley |
| 1992 | Thomas Rizzo | 2009 | Mary Manning |
| 1993 | George Huther | 2010 | Cindy Lewis |
| 1994 | Karen Breslawski | 2011 | Janine A. Sanger |
| 1995 | James Kruze | 2012 | Stephanie Dawson |
| 1996 | Linda Martin | 2013 | Keith Greer |
| 1997 | Mark Head | 2014 | Margi Taber |
| 1998 | Karen Pelc | 2015 | Cheryl Piccirillo |
| 1999 | Kate Leackfeldt | 2016 | Toni Cipolla |
| 2000 | John Ryan | 2017 | Marcy McClain |
| 2001 | Larry Crawford | 2018 | Ann Kane |
| 2002 | Josie Ziervogel | 2019 | April Aycock |
| 2003 | Judge Anthony J. Sciolino | 2023 | Ted Aman |
| 2004 | Lance Mitchell | 2024 | Cristin Finch |
| 2005 | Maureen Niche | 2025 | Gina Montanarella |
| 2006 | Toni Gauthier | | |

The award will be presented at NCADD-RA Annual Luncheon to be held on May 15, 2026, from 11:30-2pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1111 Jefferson Road Rochester. At this year’s Luncheon, NCADD-RA will be celebrating our 80th year of providing professional and community education in substance misuse, problem gambling, and workplace wellness. NCADD-RA also provides a wide range of referral resources, medication safety resources and a wide range of addiction related information. Services are focused primarily on Rochester and Monroe County (as well as beyond with our Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center and our Finger Lakes Addiction Resource Center).

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Please consider nominating a deserving individual who meets the above criteria before April 21, 2026. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bderollo@depaul.org or (585) 719-3483.

Sincerely,

Bridget DeRollo

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**NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 NCADD-RA
HELEN GUTHRIE MEMORIAL YOUTH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR**

Who is to be nominated for Youth Advocate of the year?

Someone who:

1. Works primarily with youth in the area of substance use disorders prevention, intervention or treatment.
2. Professional involvement for at least 5 years.
3. Has shown initiative and innovation in impacting the lives of youth.

Please limit information to the space provided below:

Nominee: _____ Nominator: _____

E-Mail: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Professional Accomplishments (be brief):

Reason for Nomination:

Nomination deadline is APRIL 21

Submit all nominations to: Bridget DeRollo
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