

## Category Descriptions -

*Nominations for the following categories may be submitted for those that have met the following criteria during the past year (2014):*

*All nominees must utilize the Strengthening Families approach to build the five protective factors in at risk families (parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and children's social and emotional development). Their actions, while utilizing the above model, should exemplify dedicated efforts toward strengthening and supporting families in Brevard County, specifically in the prevention of child abuse.*

**Brevard County Community** - *This award honors a community member or group outside the child welfare field that has demonstrated dedicated efforts toward supporting Brevard County families.*

Examples may include:

- *any community based civic group, business or individual that provides outreach such as food, housing, services, mentoring, child care or support during the holidays to at risk families*
- *an institution or individual in the Brevard education system and/or in higher education that provides training in the five protective factors; provides concrete support in times of need for children's social and emotional development; or develops and/or provides trainings to educate the community in prevention technique and/or tips related to common causes of child death (drowning, unsafe sleeping, shaken baby etc.)*
- *a group or individual from the health care community who provides low cost or no cost medical care for at risk families; provides support during the holidays; and/or provides outreach such as food, housing, mentoring or child care*

**Caregiver**- *This award honors a foster parent, family or caregiver that has dedicated efforts toward strengthening and supporting children through on-going dedication.*

Examples may include:

- *grandparent who provides food, housing, mentoring or child care for their grandchild to prevent them from going without or being at risk of abuse*
- *foster parent/relative caregiver who mentors a minor mother/father in their care*
- *foster parent/relative caregiver who mentors the natural parents using the Strengthening Families approach*

**Faith Based** - *This award honors any faith based group or individual that has dedicated their efforts toward strengthening Brevard County families, specifically in the prevention of child abuse.*

Examples may include:

- *faith based organization that provides outreach such as food, housing, mentoring, child care and/or support during the holidays and/or other times of the year*
- *faith based individual that goes above and beyond in their dedication to supporting families through the Strengthening Families model*

**Governmental/Criminal Justice** - *This award honors those in an elected, appointed or otherwise governmental capacity that have promoted efforts in supporting at risk families in Brevard County.*

Examples may include:

- *an elected or appointed individual from the community that is a champion for children's issues and funding in Brevard County*
- *an individual from the law enforcement or criminal justice community that goes beyond their normal work duties to promote prevention efforts in the area and/or to educate the community on common causes of child death*

**Social Service Volunteer** - *This award honors an individual or group that has dedicated their time toward the prevention of child abuse while in a volunteer capacity.*

Examples may include:

- *provides outreach such as food, housing, counseling, mentoring or child care to at risk families*
- *develops support networks for at risk families using the Strengthening Families approach*

**Social Services Individual/Employee** - *This award honors an individual working in the field of child welfare that has strengthened and supported families in the prevention of child abuse through the Strengthening Families model.*

Examples may include:

- *an individual in the social services field that has gone beyond their normal work duties to promote prevention efforts in the community*
- *an individual in the social services field that goes beyond their normal work duties to educate the community on common causes of child death*

**Social Services Group/Team** - *This award honors the individual, group or team working in the field of child welfare that has strengthened and supported families in the prevention of child abuse through the Strengthening Families model.*

Examples may include:

- *a group or team of employees in the social services field that go beyond their normal work duties to promote prevention efforts in the community*
- *a group or team of employees in the social services field that go beyond their normal work duties to educate the community on common causes of child death*

## CAP Category Description -

*Nominations for the following category may be submitted for those that have proven to be pioneering leaders in the field of child welfare, with multiple years of service. All nominees must utilize the Strengthening Families approach to build the five protective factors in at risk families, specifically in the prevention of child abuse.*

**Social Services CAP Leader** - *This lifetime award honors an individual that has been an innovative leader in the field of child welfare, with multiple years of service toward the prevention of child abuse through strengthening children, families and the community.*

Examples may include:

- *an individual from any professional who has dedicated their life to the prevention of child abuse*
- *an individual who continually, year-after-year goes above and beyond to ensure the safety of children through supporting and strengthening families.*