



# Michigan Supreme Court

State Court Administrative Office  
Child Welfare Services

**Foster Care Review Board**  
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## FOSTER CARE WORKER OF THE YEAR

On an annual basis, the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) will recognize one foster care worker for exemplary work on behalf of the foster care children we serve. Nominations may be submitted by child welfare agencies, local court personnel, CASA's, foster parents, FCRB review board members and staff, or any interested person familiar with the nominee. **The FCRB will accept nomination forms through September 15, 2010.** They may be submitted by email (preferred), fax, or postal service. Blank nomination forms are available on the Foster Care Review Board program page at the Michigan Courts web site at <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/fcrb/fcrb.htm>.

Persons interested in nominating a foster care worker for this award should carefully consider the nominee's characteristics. The following excerpt from an FCRB Annual Report describes some of the attributes of effective caseworkers:

*Successful caseworkers are effective communicators and resourceful advocates for the families they serve. They know the impact that abuse and neglect can have on the emotional well-being of children. They have learned how to draw the line between being supportive versus creating unhealthy dependent relationships. They know how to gain access to the services in their communities. They understand the legal framework within which child protection cases take place. They have honed the skills to know when, and under what circumstances, to continue reunification efforts and when other avenues need to be pursued to achieve permanency for children.*

The recipient of this award will further exemplify the following attributes:

- A caring and professional approach in working with children, families, courts, service providers, FCRB volunteers, foster parents, relative caregivers, and/or fictive kin.
- Tireless advocacy for services needed by parents, foster parents, relative caregivers, fictive kin, and children.
- Effective problem solving and case management practices.
- Advocacy for improved child welfare services in the community.
- At least five years of child welfare experience.

You are encouraged to nominate any foster care worker who meets the above criteria. The recipient of this award will be selected by a committee comprised of FCRB board members, advisory committee professionals and advocates, child welfare professionals, and FCRB program staff. The recipient of the award will be recognized at the FCRB annual training conference in early November.

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Please submit the attached nomination form via email, fax, or postal **service no later than September 15** to:

Email (preferred):  
[FalconelloK@courts.mi.gov](mailto:FalconelloK@courts.mi.gov)

Fax:  
313-972-3289

Mail:  
**FCRB Award Nomination**  
**Attn: Kathy Falconello**  
**3034 W. Grand Blvd. Suite 8-400**  
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## NOMINATION FORM

### **FOSTER CARE WORKER OF THE YEAR**

**Nominee:**

Name

Court

Address

City, State, Zip

County

Phone

Email

**Nominator:**

Name

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

County

Phone

Email

**Nominee's years of experience nominee as a Foster Care Worker:**

**Nominee's agency background and experience:**

**Please describe and/or provide examples related to the following items:**

- Outstanding case management and advocacy skills:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Outstanding leadership and problem-solving abilities in case management:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Service to, and advocacy for, clients:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Significant contributions to the profession and/or community related to child welfare:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Additional significant contributions and/or achievements: