



#### Purpose of the Award:

The ***Povl Toussieng Memorial Leadership in Infant Mental Health Award*** was established in 1999 to honor the memory of Povl Winning Toussieng, M.D. (1918-97), Professor Emeritus, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and retired Training Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry program. In conjunction with the annual conference, this award recognizes individuals who, through their work with infants, toddlers, their families and caregivers, have demonstrated outstanding leadership, advocacy, administration and program and policy development in the field of infant mental health within the state of Oklahoma.

#### Eligibility:

- Must be a current member of OK-AIMH
- Has been actively involved in the infant mental health field in the state of Oklahoma for a minimum of 10 years, specifically addressing issues on behalf of the state's infants and toddlers, their families and caregivers
- Has demonstrated compassion and dedication to helping meet the social and emotional needs of infants, toddlers, their families and caregivers
- Has promoted collaboration and service integration for infants, toddlers, their families and caregivers
- Has enhanced services, policies and procedures to improve quality of life in supporting the mental health needs of infants and toddlers, their families and caregivers
- Has demonstrated innovative and creative methods of promoting the mental health needs of infants and toddlers
- Has engaged the community in efforts to create awareness about the unique needs of infants and toddlers in supporting early relational health and promoting nurturing relationships

#### Instructions:

- Nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., October 6, 2023**.
- Forms must be legible and complete. (Incomplete forms will not be considered.)
- The nominee's

current resume or curriculum vitae and 2 reference forms must be included with the application. Total page limit for all attachments should not exceed 6 pages.

- The Toussieng nomination committee may also request additional information from nominators, nominees or agencies as needed

#### Helpful Tips:

Be as specific and concise as possible and provide examples.

- Include anecdotes, personal stories, etc. that exemplify the impact and demonstrate the spirit of the effort.
- Please keep the identity of people served confidential
- Assume committee members know nothing about the nominee.
- Well-written nominations are helpful.

The Toussieng nomination committee reviews nominations, presents findings and a selection is made by a final vote of the OK-AIMH Board of Directors. Candidates receive notification of nomination and are invited to attend the OK-AIMH annual conference November 3, 2023.

Nomination form, references and attachments become the property of OK-AIMH.