

THE FACSSE

(Florida Association of County Social Services Executives)

Human Services Award

DEFINITION OF "HUMAN SERVICES:" All services which work towards enabling needy residents or residents with physical or environmental needs to do one or more of the following:

- achieve self-sufficiency,
- have their basic subsistence needs met,
- avoid institutionalization,
- retain shelter and independence,
- remain well,
- maintain healthy lifestyles, or
- otherwise prevent future problems related to these needs.

NOMINEES: Nominees for the award are those individuals deemed to be instrumental in the development of human services which meet the following criteria:

- **Unique Contribution to Human Services:** The Human Services should be unique and different, at least within the State of Florida.
- **Service Location:** The Human Services to be awarded are those performed substantially within the State of Florida, wherein a majority of the households receiving the benefit are residents of the State of Florida.
- **Frequency of Awards:** Although, nominees and award recipients may be selected during any year, *no more than one award recipient* will be selected during each calendar year. A recipient of the **"FACSSE Human Services Award"** may only receive one award during her or his lifetime.
- **Nominating Frequency:** As long as the nominee has not received a **"FACSSE Human Services Contribution Award,"** nominees may be nominated in successive years.
- **Time Frame:** Any nominations for the **"FACSSE Human Services Award"** received after the annual Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Conference will be considered as nominees for the following calendar year.
- **Membership in FACSSE:** Nominees may be a member of FACSSE, but are not required to be a FACSSE member.

PROCESS:

- **Panel Review:** A panel of five county social service executives in the State of Florida who are members of FACSSE will be selected by the FACSSE Executive Committee at the annual Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Legislative Conference. This FACSSE panel may be one and the same as the Executive Committee. This FACSSE panel will review all nominees for the **"FACSSE Human Services Award."**
- **Recommendation / Nomination to Executive Committee:** This panel will make a recommendation / nomination regarding an award recipient, if there is to be such a recipient, to the Executive Committee by December 31 of any calendar year.
- **Executive Committee Review:** At least one month prior to the FAC Annual Conference, the Executive Committee will *review* the nominee's contribution to independently confirm that the nominee has met the criteria, and *approve* of the nominee if the criteria have been met.
- **Presenting of Award:** Presentation of the award will occur at the FAC Annual Conference.