

2017 Exceptional Parent/Caregiver Nomination Form

Please tell us about your Exceptional Parent/Caregiver:

We all know that parent/caregiver who goes that extra mile for their children. That is the purpose of the **Exceptional Parent/Caregiver Award**. It is to acknowledge families of children who are actively engaged in their child's treatment and who encourage and support other families involved in the mental health system. Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania (VBH-PA) considers it a privilege to publicly acknowledge **HealthChoices Exceptional Parent/Caregiver Award recipients in the following counties*: Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland** who have demonstrated courage, creativity, strength and resiliency in their child's journey. Twelve awards will be presented on **Thursday, October 5, 2017** at the **11th Annual Family Forum—Broadening Our Possibilities with Practical Solutions: A Forum for Families with Children in HealthChoices** at the Ramada Inn Greensburg, Route 30 East across from Westmoreland Mall.

To nominate a HealthChoices parent/caregiver from your county, please:

1. Fill out the form below and return it by the deadline. **The deadline is Friday August 18, 2017.**
2. Provide as much information as possible. Provide personal touches or inspirational stories about the Parent/Caregiver.
3. Type the nomination on a separate sheet add/or use additional sheets of paper if you run out of space.
4. Know that this is not a cash award, but an acknowledgment in the form of a beautifully designed keepsake.
5. Understand that only one winner will be chosen from each county.
6. Comprehend that all other nominations will receive a recognition certificate at the awards ceremony.
7. Know that a committee of family members will read and vote for the winners.
8. Know that all nominations will be kept confidential.

Thank you for nominating and supporting an Exceptional Family/Caregiver for this award.

Parent/Caregiver Nominee Information (please print or type)

Name					
Street Address		County			
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone		Alternate Phone			
Child's Name		Child's Date of Birth			

* Mercer, Crawford, and Venango HealthChoices members will have the opportunity to be nominated at other regionally located VBH-PA Forums in 2017.

Person Submitting the Nomination

Name		Title/Affiliation	
Phone		Email	

How do you know this nominee?

What makes this person worthy of receiving the “Exceptional Parent/Caregiver Award”? *(Please provide examples of ways this parent overcame challenges and contributed to the success of his/her child.)*

How has this parent/caregiver demonstrated resiliency throughout his/her child’s journey?

How has this nominee’s journey given hope and inspired others?

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO NOMINATE THIS INDIVIDUAL!

NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE BY ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL WELL— FOR EXAMPLE, FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, BHRS STAFF, EDUCATORS, PROVIDERS, ETC.

Please return this information to Karan Steele, Prevention, Educations, & Outreach Coordinator, at VBH-PA via fax at **1-855-541-5211** or email Karan at karan.steele@beaconhealthoptions.com.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not hear back from us within a week of submitting your form, please contact Karan via email above or call (724) 744-6537.

REMEMBER, THE DEADLINE TO NOMINATE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017.

The Family Forum’s general registration will open in early August. Look on the VBH-PA website at www.vbh-pa.com for the registration form.