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To: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers
From: Maine Immunization Program (MIP)
Subject: Call for Nominations: 2023 Immunization Champion Award
Date: May 3, 2023

2023 will mark AIM's second year running the *Immunization Champion Award* program, previously known as the *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award*. The *Immunization Champion Award* recognizes individuals who are doing an exemplary job or going above and beyond to promote or foster immunizations in their communities, for both children and adults. Even if you are familiar with the Champion Award, this email will highlight the updates to the award process and nomination packet (see attached).

This email also marks the launch of the nomination period for the Maine Immunization Champion Award! Nominations for Maine will close at 5pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. We look forward to receiving your nominations. Please share this email with your networks. Completed nomination forms can be sent via email to camille.erickson@maine.gov or faxed to 207-287-8127 attention Camille Erickson.

Individuals can be nominated for meeting one or more of the following criteria: Leadership, Collaboration, Innovation, or Advocacy regarding immunizations for both children and adults.

Who is eligible?

- Coalition members
- Parents
- Healthcare professionals (i.e., physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants)
- Community activists and leaders
- Non profit leaders
- Community based organization members

Who is ineligible?

- Immunization program managers,
- County, state, and federal government employees paid by state or federal immunization funding,
- Individuals who have been affiliated with and/or employed by pharmaceutical companies
- Those who have already received the award

Please refer to the attached nomination packet for full details on nomination guidelines and criteria. If you have any questions, please contact camille.erickson@maine.gov. Additional information can also be found at <https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/championsaward>.

Thank you for helping us honor the dedicated individuals in your communities as well as your continued immunization efforts.

Sincerely,

The Maine Immunization Program