

## **Virginia Early Intervention Awards**

The Early Intervention Awards were formally established in 2006 to recognize individuals in Virginia who have provided exemplary supports and service with or on behalf of families with young children eligible for Part C services. Nominations are received from peers on behalf of colleagues and family members. There are three Early Intervention Awards:

### **1) Early Intervention Family Member Award**

This award recognizes a family member who has contributed to the field of early intervention by reaching out to other families in his or her community and/or across the states, giving support and strengthening ties among families. While a family member nominated for this award does not have to have a child currently in early intervention, the nominated family member must have had a child in early intervention at some point in the past.

### **2) Early Interventionist of the Year Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding direct service provider who has exhibited extraordinary effort above and beyond what is normally expected and required. A direct service provider nominated for this award must spend at least 50% of their work time providing direct service to families and their children.

### **3) Early Intervention Leadership Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding individual who has had significant contributions to the field of early intervention at the local, state, or national level that have improved or will improve the lives of young children with delays and disabilities and their families in Virginia. Any individual who does not meet the criteria for Early Interventionist of the Year Award may be nominated for this award.