

# Application Form

Please include the following information in submission package.  
Deadline for submissions is July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

- Executive Director's Narrative
- DSP's Narrative
- Photo of DSP and Consumer(s)
- Release to use photos
- 2 Letters of Support

**Biographical Information:** (Please print)

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting the form: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any questions please call 1-800-622-8272 x 5019



irwin siegel agency, inc.

## 2009 DIRECT SUPPORT *Professionals* recognition award.



# About the Award

**IRWIN SIEGEL AGENCY, INC.** is pleased to have created and sponsored this award over the last ten years and looks forward to another great year of 'Supporting Those Who Support Others™.' Without competent and caring direct support staff, quality outcomes for people with disabilities would be limited, and achieving interdependence would be increasingly difficult. This is a great opportunity to recognize a direct support professional from your agency. A person who has demonstrated an exemplary level of performance over the course of his/her employment, and who has consistently demonstrated his/her commitment to improving the quality of life for the consumer(s) he/she supports.

## Criteria for Selection

- **Self-Determination** - Nominee demonstrates commitment to supporting self-determination, self-esteem, and meaningful choices for people with disabilities.
- **Leadership** - Nominee exhibits leadership qualities with peers and within his or her work environment. Nominee serves as a role model for others.
- **Inclusion** - Nominee facilitates inclusion of people with disabilities within all aspects of community life.
- **Professional Development** - Nominee demonstrates commitment to his or her professional development by continuing to seek knowledge and gain skills in the field.
- **Provision of Direct Support** - Nominee provides direct support in a manner that respects the dignity, culture and rights of people with intellectual disabilities. Nominee must be currently employed for a minimum of one year with current organization and work in a direct care position.

# Submissions

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## Questions

- Why does this nominee qualify as an outstanding direct support professional?
- In what ways does the nominee demonstrate qualities noted in the selection criteria for this award?
- Please tell us about the professional and personal accomplishments of the nominee.

## Additional Materials Should Include:

- A narrative by the *nominated direct support professional* on their suggestions for encouraging people to make direct support a career.
- A photo of the direct support professional and the consumer(s) they serve should be included with the application.  
*(Your agency is responsible for obtaining necessary permission for use of any photos and due to processing, photos will not be returned).*

## Award

- All winners will be listed in upcoming Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc. newsletters and on ISA's website - [www.siegelagency.com](http://www.siegelagency.com).
- The winners will each receive \$500, a commemorative certificate, and a subscription to **Frontline Initiative**, the newsletter for and by Direct Support Professionals.
- The winners' pictures will also appear in various state and national ads and resources throughout 2010.
- The runner-ups will each receive \$250, a commemorative certificate, and a subscription to **Frontline Initiative** ([www.nadsp.org](http://www.nadsp.org)).

## Applications must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Please mail completed application to:  
Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc.  
**Risk Management Department**  
25 Lake Louise Marie Road  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

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