



Advocate Awards

Board Member	Recognizes a member of the Board of Directors of any non-profit, community-based service provider who has gone beyond the interest of his or her agency to become an advocate for all people with disabilities.
Case Manager	Recognizes a OKDHS/DDSD case manager who has surpassed job requirements to advocate for his or her clients.
Direct Care Provider	Recognizes a direct contact staff person, working for a community provider, who has gone beyond job requirements to advocate for people with disabilities.
Educator	Recognizes a public school educator who has promoted the inclusion of children with disabilities in regular school settings.
Professional Provider	Recognizes any professional, such as a therapist or physician, who advocates for people with disabilities beyond their professional responsibilities.
Volunteer	Recognizes a volunteer, or group of volunteers, who, in a program serving people with developmental disabilities, has gone beyond the call of duty to advocate.

Additional Awards

Elected Official	Recognizes an elected official who has effectively promoted better understanding and integration of people with disabilities in employment, education, and the community.
Self-Advocate	Recognizes a self-advocate who has spoken out for all people with disabilities.
Media Advocate	Recognizes the media professional who has effectively promoted better understanding and integration of people with disabilities living in the community.
Parent Advocate	Recognizes the parent(s) or a person with developmental disabilities who has been a voice for all people with disabilities.
Special Achievement in Advocacy - Individual	Recognizes an individual, not included in other categories, who, through a significant advocacy effort has improved the lives of people with disabilities.
Special Achievement in Advocacy - Group	Recognizes a business or organization not included in other categories, which through a significant advocacy effort has improved the lives of people with disabilities.
Catalyst of Change	Recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations that have been catalysts for significant positive change in improving the lives of Oklahomans with developmental disabilities over a long period of time.
Shelby Hard Courage in Advocacy	Recognizes individuals who have faced extreme challenge while still advocating for others.