

**Models for Change 2nd Annual Champions for Change Awards
2009 Call for Nominations**

Overview

Models for Change is now accepting nominations for the second-annual **Champions for Change** recognition of excellence. The **Champions for Change** recognition for Models for Change leaders and partners was launched at last year's national conference. One leader from each of the four core Models for Change states (Illinois, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Washington) is selected for outstanding work that exemplifies what practice in "reformed" systems represents.

New this year, the nomination process has been opened to allow Models for Change state partners to nominate a **Champion for Change** from their own state. These nominations will be evaluated by the Models for Change Executive Committee, which will, again, select one Champion from each core state.

Qualifications

Champions for Change are individuals working with Models for Change in their states who have positively affected the lives of court-involved kids, their families, and communities in ways that provide opportunities for pathways away from delinquency and re-offending, and increase the youths' potential to be successful in school and in family, peer, and community relationships.

Those selected will meet the following criteria:

- Working with Models for Change in one of the **four core states**;
- **Demonstrable record of success** impacting youth;
- **Transferable results** valuable to other locales;
- **Inspirational** to others involved in juvenile justice reform; and
- **Representative of Models for Change core values:** fundamental fairness; developmental differences between youth and adults; individual strengths and needs; youth potential; responsibility; and safety.

The Models for Change Executive Committee will make the final selection of the **2009 Champions for Change**. The four Champions selected will be recognized at a luncheon during the Fourth Annual Models for Change National Working Conference in Washington, D.C., December 9, 2009.

Nomination Process

Completed nomination forms should be submitted to **Coalition for Juvenile Justice** by **October 30th**. Forms may be submitted by mail, email or fax.

E-Mail: Idit Knaan - knaan@juvjustice.org

Mail: Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Attn: Champions for Change Awards
1710 Rhode Island Ave., NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

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Champion for Change Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Telephone: () _____

E-Mail: _____

Please include the following; submissions not to exceed five (3) pages.

1. Describe the nominee's relationship to Models for Change and responsibilities as part of the Models for Change team in your state.
2. How has the nominee contributed his/her own unique qualities as an advocate for youth involved in the juvenile justice system?
3. What impact has the nominee had on Models for Change? On the community? On behalf of youth? Please be specific and include demonstrable results and measurable outcomes as much as possible.
4. How has the nominee's work inspired others? How does it represent the values of Models for Change? (Core values of Models for Change include: fundamental fairness; developmental differences between youth and adults; individual strengths and needs; youth potential; responsibility; and safety.)
5. Any additional information you believe recommends this person as a Champion for Change.

For additional information or questions, please contact:

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