



## **2026 Impact Advocate Award**

**Nomination Deadline  
Friday, November 21, 2025**

### **What is the Impact Advocate Award?**

The Impact Advocate Award aims to celebrate and recognize a remarkable individual in their career who is positively shaping the future of Florida's young children, teens, and families. This award is presented to an individual who is actively engaged as an advocate, working diligently on behalf of their local communities or statewide, initiating programs or policies that positively affect the status and well-being of others.

### **What is the difference between the Chiles Advocate Award and the Impact Advocate Award?**

The Impact Advocate Award was created to celebrate the champions advocating for young children, teens, and families right now. These individuals are amid their professional journeys and working towards creating a lasting impact.

### **Who is eligible to receive this award?**

- Anyone can submit a nomination; you may nominate yourself
- Nominees must be well recognized, known for their leadership, and demonstrate a commitment to advocating for public policies that improve the lives of Florida's young children, teens, and their families
- Legislators or elected officials currently in office are not eligible for this award

### **When will you announce the 2026 Impact Advocate Award recipient?**

The 2026 recipient will be honored on **Monday, February 23, 2026**. The public announcement will take place during our annual Children's Week Florida Advocacy Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The recipient will be invited to take part in various activities and speaking engagements throughout next year's Children's Week Florida events in Tallahassee.

### **Who selects the recipient?**

Nominations are reviewed by the Children's Week Florida Advocacy Awards Committee, which is composed of former award recipients, community partners, and dedicated advocates. All nominations will be pre-screened to ensure eligibility. If a nominee's qualifications align better with a different award category (Chiles, Impact, or Youth), the nominator will be contacted regarding any recommended changes.

### **What if I don't want to fill out the online form?**

If you prefer a handwritten form, please complete this PDF and send a completed version to one of the options below:

#### **Mail a hard copy:**

Children's Week Florida  
Attn: Advocate Awards Committee  
1650 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 210, Tallahassee, FL 32317

#### **Send an email:**

[info@childrensweek.org](mailto:info@childrensweek.org) with the subject line: [Nominee Name - Award Title]  
For example, "Jessica Johnson – 2026 Impact Advocate Award"



**2026 Impact Advocate Award  
Nomination Form**

**Nominator Information**

What is your first and last name?

What organization do you currently work for? If not applicable, what organization did you most recently work for?

What is/was your role in this organization?  
Please provide your position or title.

What's the best way to contact you?

- Phone:
- Email:
- Mailing Address:

**Nominee Information**

Who are you submitting this nomination for?  
Please provide their first and last name.

What organization do they currently work for?

What is their role in this organization?  
Please provide their position or title.

Please provide contact information  
for this nominee.

- Phone:
- Email:
- Mailing Address:

### **Tell Us About the Nominee**

What role has this individual played in advocating for others? This may include advocacy for public policy changes or programs that improve the lives of young children, teens, and families. *[500-750 words]*

Was this advocacy at the local or statewide level? *[select one]*

Local

State

Both

How does this individual demonstrate strong leadership skills in their organization or community?  
Please provide examples. *[500-750 words]*

Is this individual involved in philanthropic endeavors that aim to improve the lives of young children, teens, or families? If yes, please provide examples. *[250-300 words]*

Has this individual played a role in making positive and impactful changes for Florida's young children, teens, and families? If so, please describe in detail. *[500-750 words]*

Is there anything else we should know about this individual? *[250-300 words]*

**Submit a high-quality headshot or photo of the nominee (no group pictures/photos) *[png or jpeg]***

**Please agree to the following statement: *By submitting this nomination, I attest that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My submission confirms my consent and permission for the sponsoring organizations (Children's Week Florida and Children's Forum) to publish items within this nomination package in any related communications and promotions.***

**Signature:**

**Date:**



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