Positive Childhood Alliance NORTH CAROLINA

Positive Childhoods START WITH US — Partnering with Families to Drive Change

2027 LEARNING & LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

2027 Positive Childhood Ally Awards: Who Will You Nominate?

A guide to this year's award categories

Across North Carolina, people and organizations are create the conditions for children and families to feel safe, valued and connected. **The Positive Childhood Ally Awards** celebrate individuals and organizations whose leadership, partnership and commitment help create positive childhoods across our state.

Know someone whose work deserves to be celebrated? Use the guide below to find the award that best fits. You may nominate a colleague, community partner, organization, or yourself. **Self-nominations are welcome.**

DONNA STONE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Honors an **individual** whose sustained leadership and service have made a lasting difference for children and families across North Carolina. This award celebrates a body of work, including leadership, mentorship, and a legacy that will continue to shape the field and grow positive childhoods for all.

ALLY FOR CHANGE: POLICY & SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP

Honors an **individual** helping advance policies, practices, or public systems at the state or local level so they work better for children and families.

ALLY FOR FAMILY LEADERSHIP

Celebrates a **parent, caregiver, or family leader** who uses their experience, voice, and leadership to shape decisions and create positive change to the systems around children and families.

ALLY FOR FAMILY SUPPORT

Celebrates a **professional** whose work alongside families is making a difference in their community and helping families feel supported, connected, and valued.

ALLY FOR EXCELLENCE: FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Celebrates a **Family Resource Center** that puts families at the center of its work and demonstrates excellence in strengthening families, building community connections, and advancing high-quality family support.

ALLY FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION

Celebrates an **organization or group** helping change how its community understands and supports children and families through education, outreach, storytelling, or public awareness.

Not sure which award fits best? That's okay.
Choose the category that seems like the best fit and tell us why this person or organization deserves to be celebrated. PCANC will review nominations for eligibility and fit.
You may nominate someone else, your own organization, or yourself.

Nominate a 2027 Positive Childhood Ally

Nominations close January 15, 2027.