Ramstad/Kennedy Award Nomination 2022

National Recovery Month Planning Partners

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Due Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Ramstad/Kennedy Annual Award

For Outstanding Leadership

By a State Alcohol and Drug Agency
(Single State Authority or SSA)

The first annual Ramstad/Kennedy Award was presented in 2008 during a National Recovery Month reception at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Systems Development Program (SSDP) conference. In subsequent years, the Recovery Month Planning Partners have continued working to focus our national efforts on expanding recovery support for the millions of Americans in early recovery. They work to strengthen recovery support programs through local community efforts honoring recovery; they also continue to help those in their communities who are still suffering from addiction to find recovery and to support the countless hurting family members who are in need of support to address and recover from addiction's impact.

Background: The Planning Partners have witnessed with appreciation as the SSAs have increased their critical role in supporting and promoting recovery and Recovery Month activities, materials and awareness in their states and within their agencies. The Planning Partners (200+ organizations and agencies), energized by the extraordinary and long-time efforts and passionate leadership of the Honorable Jim Ramstad (R-MN-deceased 2020) and the Honorable Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-ret) in the development, understanding and promotion of public policies to bring equity to care for people with substance use disorders and their impacted children and other family members.

The Ramstad/Kennedy Award was established in 2008 to recognize an SSA Director who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in support of recovery and Recovery Month and to acknowledge Congressmen Ramstad and Kennedy for their commitment to recovery and recovery-oriented policies. The Award will be presented on Thursday, September 22, 2022, as part of the NASADAD Quarterly Board Meeting.

To nominate an SSA director, please refer to the criteria below, and complete and return the application form on the next page by 11:59 pm (ET), Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Thank you!

Criteria: Single State Agency Director who has:
1. Provided outstanding leadership and innovation in promoting the goals of National Recovery Month during 2022, including support of the 2022 theme: Every Person. Every Family. Every Community.
2. Strengthened and expanded Recovery Month activities within their agency and throughout other state agencies.
3. Provided support to strengthen and expand Recovery Month activities and programs that supported individual and family recovery throughout their state.
4. Expanded the number and impact National Recovery Month activities in their local communities.
Please provide the following information for the SSA Director that you are nominating:

Name: _________________________________________________________
Title: __________________________________________________________
Agency: _________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________

1.) Briefly describe the activities or initiatives undertaken in 2022 – and their impact – which demonstrate outstanding leadership. Include efforts to engage all state departments to acknowledge and host activities for Recovery Month and additional efforts that fostered awareness and recovery support for children and families impacted by a loved one’s substance use disorder.

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2.) Please include links to any reports/press releases for these activities and/or initiatives.

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In case we have any questions, please provide your contact information:

Name: __________________________________________________________
Agency: __________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________

Thank you for your interest and support of National Recovery Month.
Nominations due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Send electronically to SSARMAward@nacoa.org or by fax to NACoA at 301-468-0987.
A Legacy of Outstanding Service:

- **2008** - Michael Botticelli, *Massachusetts*
- **2009** - Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, *New York*
- **2010** - Carol Falkowski, *Minnesota*
- **2011** - Barbara Cimaglio, *Vermont*
- **2012** - Craig Stenning, *Rhode Island*
- **2013** - Flo Stein, *North Carolina*
- **2014** - Mark Stringer, *Missouri*
- **2015** - Gary Tennis, *Pennsylvania*
- **2016** - Kathy Stone, *Iowa*
- **2017** – Cassandra Price, *Georgia*
- **2018** – Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez, *New York*
- **2019** – Sara Goldsby, *South Carolina*
- **2020** – Danielle Kirby, *Illinois*
- **2021** – Kirk Lane, *Arkansas*