

The  
CAROL MATUSICKY  
Distinguished Service to Families  
Award



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# The BCCF Distinguished Service to Families Award

was established in 1987. In 2014 the BC Council for Families Board renamed the award after our late Executive Director Carol Matusicky, who served the agency with distinction for twenty-three years, from 1984 to 2007.

These Awards will be distributed to a collaborative initiative, organization or program and an individual family services professional, serving families in an exemplary manner that both:

- Meets the Mission of the Council to “Support families and professionals by sharing knowledge and building community connections,” and the Vision that “Families are vital to dynamic communities.”
- Provides quality preventative family life education and support programs to families within the Province of BC.

The collaborative initiative, organization or program and individual professional must have made a demonstrable, measurable impact on the well being of families and/or the field of human services. Examples of this include, but are not limited to:

- A significant increase in prevention and support services;
- Development of an innovative program or service approach;
- Successfully advocating for a change in policy;
- Creation of a new and helpful network;
- Any tangible initiative that significantly improves the well-being of British Columbia's families.

This year we have decided to create two categories for this award:

- A) A collaborative initiative, organization or program
- B) An individual family services professional

The awards will be bestowed to a collaborative initiative, organization or program and individual professional as candidates are identified or nominated. The committee includes at present: Doug Hayman, Cathy Matusicky, Kim Jensen and Joseph Dunn.

The awards will be distributed with a gift (\$500) from the Council's Carol Matusicky Endowment Fund at the Vancouver Foundation. The awards are to be directed toward further training or professional development of the recipient, collaborative initiative, organizational staff member(s) or project members providing direct services and supports to families. Trainings do not have to be those offered exclusively by the Council.

*The award will be announced annually, but may not be awarded on a yearly basis.*

Nominations are due by **4pm, Friday, June 7, 2024**

Please send your nomination packet to:

[CMDSFaward@bccf.ca](mailto:CMDSFaward@bccf.ca)

For inquiries or clarification please contact:

**Joseph Dunn, Executive Director**

604.678.8884 ext. 102 or [josephd@bccf.ca](mailto:josephd@bccf.ca)

*Please do not solicit the committee members, as you will jeopardize your nomination.*

## Previous Recipients

Family champions come in all size and shapes, and since 1987 we've awarded the Distinguished Service to Families Award to an incredible diversity of people and organizations.

2023	Jenna John, Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society, and Kevin Taylor, PLEA Community Services	2000	Alcohol and Drug Education Service Boys and Girls Clubs of British Columbia BC Assn of Family Resource Programs Family Service Canada, Ottawa McCreary Centre Society, Vancouver Society for Children and Youth UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies The Vanier Institute of the Family, Ottawa
2022	Kootenay Family Place & Pedro Ramirez, REACH Multicultural Family Centre	1999	Shelagh Armour-Godbolt, Chemanius Harewood Family of Community School, Nanaimo Richmond Golden Rods and Reels Society
2021	Aboriginal Infant Development Programs	1998	John Belfie, Cindy Gosselin, Jan Shuman -- Management Team, NOYFS, Vernon Jane Boyd, Langley Delta Credit Union Neil Menard, Jim Stimson, IWA Canada/MacMillan Bloedel Jean Fornari O'Fallon, Vancouver VanCity Credit Union
2020	Adrienne Montani and Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	1997	Dr. Carole Chistensen, Richmond Self Help Opportunities for Parents, Kelowna
2019	Richmond Family Place / Jodi Higgs	1996	Jan Lutke, Surrey Joan Vanstone, West Vancouver
2018	PLEA Community Services Society of BC	1995	Gary and Judy Blattner, Vanderhoof Roshi Ghomshei, West Vancouver GT Cunningham School, Vancouver Hilda Shilliday, Victoria
2017	Pender Island Child Care Society	1994	Violet and Ben George, Duncan Meg Hickling, Vancouver North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre, Port Hardy
2015	HELP (Human Early Learning Partnership)	1993	Sylvia Paulson, Campbell River Diane Thorne, Coquitlam Quesnel and District Child Development Association
2013	Carol Matusicky Lifetime of Distinguished Service to Families	1992	Dr. Rob Lees, Chilliwack Volunteer, Grandparents of BC
2012	Whitevalley Community Resource Centre Pat Chisholm, Cranbrook	1991	Norma Collier, Castlegar Houston Community Services
2011	Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society Elsie Webb, North Vancouver	1990	Eileen Collins, Kelowna Gail Orr, 100 Mile House Richmond Family Place
2010	Dr. Dana Brynelsen F.O.R.C.E. Society for Kids' Mental Health	1989	Chilliwack Community Services Mercy Loring, Hazelton
2009	Elizabeth Switzer, Revelstoke Parent Support Services of BC	1988	Bos Family, Williams Lake Y.A.N.A., Courtenay
2005	Val Anderson		
2004	Cariboo Family Connections Kitsilano Neighbourhood House Military Family Resource Centre West Side Family Place		
2002	Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC BC Association for Community Living BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations BC Institute Against Family Violence First Call: BC's Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition Gerontology Research Centre, SFU Infant Development Programs of BC Literacy BC The Marriage Project The West Coast Child Care Resource Centre		

**APPLICATION** | CAROL MATUSICKY Distinguished Service to Families Award

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Identify which award stream  
you are applying for:

- A) A collaborative initiative, organization or program  
or  
 B ) An individual family services professional

Name of Nominator (or Self-Nominated) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

A) A collaborative, initiative, organization or program \_\_\_\_\_

B) Nominee Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile or Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Office # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Brief Statement – up to two pages maximum: Why the collaboration, organization, project or professional believes they have fulfilled the Council’s mission and vision, and have provided preventative family life education and support programs within the Province of BC (see description, page two). Please include, if desired, such points as: numbers served, longevity of agency/project, etc., difference made for families in BC and tangible evidence that measures the exemplary nature of the project.

1. Include up to three other supporting documents such as: a letter from the nominator; a reference letter from other source: parent, recipient of service; a letter from a supervisor; an article from a media outlet; or other supporting documentation as you deem appropriate.
2. Please include the following:
  - A) History of the Organization, Collaboration or Project. What was the unique preventative program that has enhanced the quality of life for families in your community?

OR

- B) Biographical overview of the professional nominee. This may include a resume.

Please complete the fillable form, save it and email it, along with any supporting documents, to [CMDSFaward@bccf.ca](mailto:CMDSFaward@bccf.ca) by **Friday, June 7, 2024 at 4pm.**

The BC Council for Families Carol Matusicky Endowment Fund at the Vancouver Foundation was established to recognize her dedication to families across BC.

Please make a donation at:

<https://s.vancouverfoundation.ca/BccfCarol/donateonline.asp>

For information about the BC Council for Families' programs, trainings and resources, visit our collaborative website:

[www.bccf.ca](http://www.bccf.ca)



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