Dear Child Advocate:

Too often we hear stories of children who have been abducted and abused. But the reality is that many children are helped and empowered by caring individuals to have lives of happiness and hope.

Unfortunately, we hear far too little about these child advocates. NJ CAP is looking for such individuals, programs and agencies that have made it their priority to help prevent the abuse and/or bullying of children.

NJ CAP sponsors a biennial Statewide Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Awards Luncheon at the Trenton Marriott to honor those who have demonstrated, through their lives, a dedication to the prevention of bullying and/or child abuse and neglect.

During the last 20 years, we have awarded many amazing individuals and agencies. Some were renown legislators who had helped change laws making communities and schools safer for children. Others were teachers, school administrators, police officers, DYFS workers and foster parents who advocated for abused children. Still others were children themselves – students who had developed programs to help other students to be safe from bullying, violence and harassment.

This year, we will be honoring our award recipients on March 30, 2012. We are currently seeking nominations. Do you know someone or a group or agency that you believe should receive this honor? If so, it’s vital that you take the time to let us know. Our State needs to hear the good work which so many of our citizens are doing on behalf of the children – to empower them to be “Safe, Strong and Free.”

Sincerely,

Cheryl Mojta and Jeannette Collins
Director of Operations Director of Curricula/Programs
2012 NJ Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Award

Instructions: The NJ CAP Award was designed specifically to honor those in New Jersey who are or have been involved, in the prevention, intervention or treatment of child abuse and/or bullying. If you know someone who you feel is deserving of such an award, please let us know by submitting a nomination.

Your nomination will be reviewed by the NJ CAP Advisory Board Selection Committee. Through a collective process, they will select the 2012 CAP Award Recipients. The winning recipients will be recognized at a Statewide Luncheon at the Trenton Marriott on March 30, 2012.

It is up to you to help the selection committee understand why your candidate is deserving of a CAP Award. It is important for you to include as many details as possible about your nominee. Providing supportive documentation for the nominee’s achievements may further clarify the reason this person deserves recognition. Support letters from others who are in agreement with this nomination should be attached to the nomination. If you have questions on how to complete the nomination, do not hesitate to contact the NJCAP RTC office at 856–582–7000 x 158.

Please submit a detailed narrative for each of the following questions:

1. What has the nominee accomplished in the field of bullying and/or child abuse prevention? List specific activities, programs, etc.

2. How many years has the nominee been involved in child abuse and/or bullying prevention or in the specific activity for which he/she is being nominated?

3. Approximately, how have individuals/communities benefited from the nominee’s efforts?

4. Please share one or more anecdotal stories about this individual/agency’s work and how it made a difference in the lives of others.

5. Does the nominee know about the CAP project? If so, please describe how he/she has supported CAP—programmatically, philosophically, legislatively and/or financially.

6. What makes this nominee different from others who might be doing the same job, participating in similar activities or accepting similar responsibilities?

7. Why do you feel this nominee is deserving of a statewide child abuse prevention award?

8. Winning nominees must attend the March 30, 2012 Awards Event. Do you feel confident your nominee will be able to do so?

Application deadline – January 10, 2012
The Child Assault Prevention Awards Luncheon
March 30, 2012

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