APSAC Awards

APSAC recognizes achievement in many ways through its annual awards program. Each year, APSAC solicits its membership for nominations in several categories. Awards are presented during the organization’s Annual Colloquium. Below you will find descriptions for these awards, as well as past award recipients. Additionally, you will find a listing for past Child Maltreatment Journal Article of the Year recipients under Past Award Winners.

2016 Award recipients announced at the 24th Annual Colloquium

From left to right: Mark Chaffin, PhD., (Research Career Award); Michael L. Haney, PhD, NCC, CISM, LMHC (Outstanding Service to APSAC); Bea Yorker, JD, MS (Outstanding Professional); Bethany Mohr, MD, FAAP, (Outstanding Frontline Professional); Lucy Berliner, MSW; Shannon Dorsey, PhD; Steven Ondersma, PhD; Charles Wilson, MSSW; Monica Fitzgerald, PhD (Outstanding Article in the Journal of Child Maltreatment); Kelly McWilliams, PhD, (not pictured) (Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation); Stacey Patton, PhD, (Outstanding Service and Advancement of Cultural Competency in Child Maltreatment Prevention and Intervention); Deborah Daro, PhD, (William Friedrich Memorial Award)

Award categories and descriptions:

- **Outstanding Service** - The Award recognizes a member who has made substantial contributions to APSAC through leadership and service to the Society.
- **Outstanding Professional** - The Award recognizes a member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of child maltreatment and the advancement of APSAC’s goals.
- **Mark Chaffin Outstanding Research Career Achievement** - The Award recognizes an APSAC member who has made repeated, significant and outstanding contributions to research on child maltreatment over her or his career.
- **Outstanding Front Line Professional** - The Award recognizes a front-line professional (e.g. child protection worker, law enforcement personnel, mental health counselor or medical professional) who demonstrates extraordinary dedication and skill in his or her direct care efforts on behalf of children and families.
- **Outstanding Media Coverage** - The Award recognizes a reporter or team of reporters in newsprint or broadcast journalism whose coverage of child maltreatment issues shows exceptional knowledge, insight and sensitivity.

- **Outstanding Research Article** - The Award recognizing the authors of a research article judged to be a significant advancement to the field of child maltreatment.

- **Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation** - The Award recognizes an individual whose dissertation has the greatest potential for making a significant contribution to the child maltreatment theoretical and applied knowledge base.

- **Outstanding Service in the Advancement of Cultural Competency in Child Maltreatment Prevention and Intervention** - The Award recognizes an individual, organization or agency that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of cultural competency in child maltreatment prevention and intervention.

Please note: No self-nominations accepted. Submissions must be made within two previous calendar years to be accepted.

**Other awards presented:**

- **Ronald C. Laney Distinguished Service Award** - The Ronald C. Laney Life Time Service Award is awarded on a periodic and exceptional basis by the Board of Directors of APSAC to an individual who has exhibited a life time of service to others as exemplified by Ron C. Laney.

Ronald C. Laney is Associate Administrator, Child Protection Division, OJJDP. The APSAC award was developed for his "tireless efforts to protect the lives and well-being of children" during his more than 30 years of work in the child protection field. He was Director, Missing and Exploited Children's Programs, a position he held as Acting Director from January 1993 until May 1994. From 1981 to April 1994, he was the law Enforcement Program Manager in OJJDP. In this position, Mr. Laney developed a series of National Law Enforcement Training programs that are offered throughout the country today. More than 15,000 law enforcement personnel have participated in these training programs since 1982. Mr. Laney has received numerous awards from local and State law enforcement organizations for his work in juvenile law enforcement. Prior to coming to OJJDP, Mr. Laney was a Program Manager in the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration for 5 years. His professional experience also includes being a Probation Officer in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Laney served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964 to 1970 before being wounded during his second tour in Vietnam. Mr. Laney has a master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Florida and a bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of Tampa.

- **William Friedrich Memorial Award** - The Award is presented by the APSAC Board of Directors to an individual who has demonstrated a career that exemplifies the achievements and character of the late William Friedrich.

William N. Friedrich, Ph.D., was a Professor in the Mayo Medical School and a Consultant
at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota until his death in 2005. He was also a core faculty member of the Eastern European Children's Mental Health Salvation. He was a diplomate in clinical and family psychology with the American Board of Professional Psychology. His position at the Mayo Clinic included clinical practice with maltreated children and their families, forensic evaluations, supervision and training, as well as programmatic research in the areas of child and adolescent sexual behavior, the validity of assessment with maltreated and traumatized children, and the function of family environment features in parent-child relations on the short-term and longer-term adjustment of sexually aggressive children. He is the author of 145 papers and chapters; eight books, including the unpublished Treating Sexualized Behavior in Children: A Treatment Manual; and more than a dozen short stories.

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**Past Award Winners**

Please note that awards are recognized by the year in which contributions occurred; not the year in which the award was presented at the conference. For example, awards presented at the 2008 would recognize 2007 achievements.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

For outstanding contributions to the field of child maltreatment and to the advancement of APSAC's goals.

Former Recipients: Roland Summit, MD (1997)

**Outstanding Service**

The Award recognizes a member who has made substantial contributions to APSAC through leadership and service to the Society.

Former Recipients: Jon Conte, PhD (1992); David Corwin, MD (1993), John E.B. Myers, JD (1994); David Chadwick, MD (1995); Joyce Thomas, RN, MPH (1996), Barbara Bonner, PhD (1997); Kathleen Coulborn Faller, PhD, ACSW (1998); Susan Kelley, RN, PhD (1999); Mark Chaffin, PhD (2000); Linda Williams, PhD (2001); Diane DePanfilis, PhD (2002); Nancy Lamb, JD (2003); Sandra Alexander, MEd (2004); Cynthia Cupit Swenson (2005); Terry Hendrix (2006); Patti Toth, JD (2007); Judy Donlin (2008); Kathy D. Johnson, MS (2009); George Ryan, (2012)

**Outstanding Professional**

The Award recognizes a member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of child maltreatment and the advancement of APSAC's goals.

Former Recipients: Ann Wolbert Burgess, DNSc (1992); Lucy Berliner, MSW (1993); Kee McFarlane, MSW (1994); David Finkelhor, PhD (1995); Ken Lanning, MS (1996); Robert M. Reece, MD (1997); Anne Cohn Donnelly, DPH (1998); John Briere, PhD (1999); Richard Krugman, MD (2000); Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS (2001); Judith Cohen, MD (2002); Martin Finkel, MD (2003); Carole Jenny, MD (2004); Cordelia Anderson & Eliana Gil, Ph.D. (2005); David Corwin, M.D. (2006); Suzanne Starling, MD (2007); Charles Wilson, MSSW (2007); Judith S. Rycus, PhD, MSW (2008); Emalee G. Flaherty, MD (2009); Mary L. Pulido, PhD (2010); Erna Olafson, PhD, PsyD (2012); Jeffrey N. Wherry, PhD (2013); Ann Burgess, DNSc, RN (2015)
Mark Chaffin Outstanding Research Career Achievement
The Award recognizes an APSAC member who has made repeated, significant and outstanding contributions to research on child maltreatment over her or his career.
Former Recipients: Gail Goodman, PhD (1992); Norman Polansky, PhD (1993); Murray Strauss, PhD (1994); William Friedrich, PhD (1995); Byron Egeland, PhD (1996); Dante Cocchetti, PhD (1997); Susan Zuravin, PhD (1998); Richard Gelles, PhD (1999); David Wolfe, PhD (2000); Ben Saunders, PhD (2001); David Kolko, PhD (2002); Karen Saywitz, PhD (2003); Gary Melton PhD (2004); Linda Williams, Ph.D. (2005); John Landsverk, PhD (2006); Kathleen Coulborn Faller, PhD, ACSW (2007); Esther Deblinger, PhD (2008); John Lutzker, PhD (2009); Sheree L. Toth, PhD (2012); Thomas D. Lyon, PhD, JD (2013); Margaret-Ellen Pipe, PhD (2015)

Outstanding Service in the Advancement of Cultural Competency in Child Maltreatment Prevention and Intervention
The Award recognizes an individual, organization or agency that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of cultural competency in child maltreatment prevention and intervention.
Veronica Abney, MSW (2001); Children's Advocacy Center of SW Florida, Inc (2003); Lisa Fontes (2004); Dorothy Roberts JD (2005); National Children's Alliance (Nancy Chandler, Executive Director) (2005); Delores Big Foot (2006); Toni Cardenas (2007); BRYCS - Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services (2008); Michael A. de Arellano, PhD (2009); National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University (2012); Robert M. Ortega, PhD, MSW (2015)

Outstanding Front Line Professional
The Award recognizes a front-line professional (e.g. child protection worker, law enforcement personnel, mental health counselor or medical professional) who demonstrates extraordinary dedication and skill in his or her direct care efforts on behalf of children and families.
Former Recipients: Alice J. Lindner, RN, BSN, CCRC (2003); Lisa Parks (2004); Detective Sergeant Bob Adams & Clare Sheridan-Matney, M.D. (2005); Moira Ann Szilagyi, MD, PhD (2006); Margaret McHugh, MD, MPH (2007); Katherine J. Melhorn, MD (2008); Richard Kaplan, MD (2009); Deborah Shropshire, MD (2010); Huda Ibrahim Almutlaq, MD (2012); George Edwards, MD (2012); Lori D. Frasier, MD (2013)

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Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
The Award recognizes an individual whose dissertation has the greatest potential for making a significant contribution to the child maltreatment theoretical and applied knowledge base.
Former Recipients: Lori Stauffer, PhD (1995); Kelly Bolger, PhD (1997); Elissa Brown, PhD (1997); Suzanne I. Davis, PhD (1999); Rebecca Bolen, PhD (1999); Joy Ernst, PhD (2000); Michael R. McCart, M.S. (2005); Marina Lelayants, PhD (2010); Stacia Stolzenberg, PhD (2012); Paul J. Lanier, PhD (2013)

Ronald C. Laney Distinguished Service Award
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Former Recipients: Ronald C. Laney (2007); Jon R. Conte, PhD (2009); Donald C. Bross, JD, PhD (2010); Barbara L. Bonner, PhD (2012)

Special Recognition Award
These special awards, presented by the APSAC Board of Directors, recognize outstanding contributions and services provided to the association.
Former Recipients: Jenner & Block LLP (2007); Bill S. Forcade, JD (2007); Henry M. Schaffer, JD (2007); Margaret Simpson, JD (2007); Barry Sullivan, JD (2007); Thomas Birch, JD (2012); Peter Banks, Det. (2012); Judith S. Rycus, PhD (2012); Luke Dembosky, JD (2012); Jim Campbell, PhD (2012)

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Former Recipients: Lucy Berliner, MSW (2005); Dr. Anthony Mannarino (2006); Ben Saunders, PhD (2007); Thomas Lyon, JD, PhD (2008); John E.B. Myers, JD (2009); Anthony J. Urquiza, PhD (2010); Randell C. Alexander, MD, PhD (2012); David J. Kolko, PhD, ABPP (2013); David Finkelhor, PhD (2015)

**Child Maltreatment Journal Article of the Year**
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Not done for this volume

1997 Vol. 2
Not done for this volume

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