



As part of the 7th Annual **Project BEST FEST in Columbia on February 23, 2018, the 2017 Project BEST Outstanding Achievement Awards** (aka "the BESTies") will be presented and we need your nominations. We encourage you to meet with Project BEST colleagues from your community and nominate outstanding Project BEST participants for these awards or submit a nomination yourself. This is a great opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of your community colleagues and partners in serving children and families! Nominate here!

The BEST of Project BEST Award This award will be given to the individual (broker, clinician, supervisor, or senior leader) or an agency or organization who BEST exemplifies the core mission and objectives of Project BEST, namely to increase the capacity of every community in SC to deliver effective, trauma-informed, evidence-based practices to all children who experience abuse or trauma. This person or agency has worked to implement and sustain the use of evidence-based practices with abused and traumatized children, facilitated ongoing collaboration among community members, generated creative strategies to sustain these efforts over time, and truly works for the mission of making sure every child receives the BEST services.

PB Clinical Excellence Award This award will be given to the Clinician (front-line clinician or clinical supervisor) who has demonstrated consistent implementation of TF-CBT or AF-CBT with high fidelity to the model. This extends not only to the clients seen as part of Project BEST, but also to this clinician's sustained use of TF-CBT or AF-CBT with all appropriate clients in their practice. This clinician also demonstrated creative adaptations of TF-CBT or AF-CBT to meet the individual needs of their clients.

PB Broker Excellence Award This award will be given to a broker professional (front-line or supervisor) who has demonstrated outstanding and consistent use of evidence-based treatment planning and effective case management skills to ensure that their clients receive evidence-based, trauma-focused services. This professional goes the extra mile to ensure that families are assessed and referred for trauma-informed, evidence-based services; that the children and families in need of TF-CBT or AF-CBT actually received these services; and that barriers to completion of TF-CBT or AF-CBT were identified and resolved so that treatment could be completed successfully.

PB Champion Award This award will be given to an outstanding Senior Leader who has championed the mission of Project BEST and the implementation of TF-CBT, AF-CBT and other evidence-based practices. This individual is truly a "champion" of establishing evidenced-based interventions for abused and traumatized children as the standard of care in their community. They have worked to strengthen collaboration among the community change team, found ways to overcome barriers to TF-CBT or AF-CBT implementation, and worked effectively to build capacity in their community to provide trauma-informed, evidenced based services to all children and families who need them.

PLEASE NOTE: All nominees should have successfully completed a Project BEST learning collaborative.

Please take a few minutes to complete the nomination form. If you have questions about the awards or the nomination process, please contact Heather Weimer at hweimer@deenortoncenter.org or 843-723-3600.