



## 2019 Awards

**Service Awards:** This award will recognize individuals who have contributed something valuable over the past year and has shown themselves to be a leader and/or visionary within the aging/disability network. This can be a volunteer, staff member, advocate, anyone! There will be a maximum of five service awards presented to individuals.

**AAA Excellence in Innovation:** This award will recognize the AAA that has shown innovations in programming, staffing, service delivery, assistive technology and/or reaching underserved clients.

**AAA Excellence in Sustainability:** This award will recognize the AAA that has shown excellence in using a fee for service model, fund source development, unique partnerships, number of core DAS programs offered and/or private pay services.

**Arnisha Norman Award:** This award recognizes a person who has shown excellence in the fields of wellness and nutrition over the past year.

**Beverly Littlefield Award:** This award will recognize an organization that has shown excellence in program management and business acumen.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award will recognize a person with a minimum of 20 years in the field of aging and/or disabilities.

**Senior Center Director of the Year Award:** This award will recognize a person who has shown their dedication, unique programming ideas, and other valuable contributions to their senior center.

**The Melinda Quinn “Squeaky Wheel” Award:** The Melinda Quinn “Squeaky Wheel” Award recognizes an individual who has worked at the community level to develop local grassroots efforts through advocacy. Melinda encouraged other parents to fight for every service available for their child living with a disability. This award was created by Tools for Life, Georgia’s Assistive Technology Program in recognition of advocacy work in the community.

**Excellence in AT Service Delivery Team Award:** The Excellence in AT Team Award recognizes an AT Team, at the local or statewide level, that involves two or more professionals or entities that promote or facilitate the development of effective AT integration in a classroom, school, school system, workplace and/or community. Factors considered include coordination of services, networking and collaboration, innovation in development and implementation, and lasting impact of the service provided on person(s) served. This award was created by Tools for Life, Georgia’s Assistive Technology Program.

**Nominations will be taken through April 5, 2019 and should be submitted to Allison Bernal ([Allison.Bernal@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:Allison.Bernal@dhs.ga.gov)). Please include as many details as possible to describe why an individual or organization should win the award. Maximum one page.**

Awards will be presented at the ADRC Healthy Communities Summit, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, during the awards luncheon. If the award winner cannot attend, the award will be sent to them (presence at the awards luncheon is not required to win).