

# Outstanding DSP Award Nomination

## Award Description:

The DSP Award will be presented to a DSP who has positively affected the lives of individuals served by an InterHab member agency. The DSP is someone who has gone above and beyond in their daily work to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**NOMINEE: Katie Schrag**

**ORGANIZATION: MCDS**

Include a narrative including answers to the following questions. You may also attach a maximum of three letters of support. Additional information may be attached if necessary.

- What is the staff person's job?
- To what needs has the staff person responded and how were they met?
- What are the person's significant accomplishments in his or her workplace?
- List any personal services and/or achievements that are pertinent.
- Provide a biographical sketch of the person.
- Additional information.

## **NOMINATION NARRATIVE:**

I am honored to nominate Katie for the Outstanding Direct Support Professional award. Katie has shown exceptional dedication and skill in her role at MCDS, where she primarily works with older clients. Her unwavering commitment and tireless efforts make her an invaluable asset to our team and a true inspiration to all who work alongside her.

Katie's comprehensive training spans all MCDS residential locations (13+) and every day program location we serve. This extensive knowledge base enables her to provide our clients with the highest level of care, ensuring their safety and well-being. Her meticulous attention to detail is evident in her impeccable documentation, which is always thorough and accurate. Moreover, her exceptional communication skills ensure that both clients and colleagues are always well-informed and supported.

What truly sets Katie apart is her profound dedication to understanding each client on a personal level. She takes the time to learn about their interests, preferences, and unique needs, creating a nurturing and supportive environment. Her attentiveness allows her to detect early signs of medical changes, which has been crucial in preventing more serious health issues. Katie's proactive approach has undoubtedly made a significant difference in the lives of many clients.

**Katie's flexibility and willingness to take on any task are unparalleled. She consistently works extra shifts, always stepping up in critical situations without hesitation. Her selfless nature and quiet determination mean she never seeks recognition for her efforts, preferring instead to focus on the well-being of her clients. This humility and dedication are what makes Katie a true unsung hero.**

**Whether collaborating with the team or working independently, Katie excels in every aspect of her role. Her passion for her work and her behind-the-scenes efforts have made a profound impact on our clients and our organization as a whole. Katie's exemplary performance and unwavering dedication make her the ideal candidate for the Outstanding Direct Support Professional award.**

**In recognition of her exceptional contributions, I wholeheartedly endorse Katie for this honor. Her commitment to her clients, her team, and her role at MCDS exemplifies the highest standards of care and professionalism. Katie is not only a remarkable DSP but also an inspiration to us all.**

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*I have reviewed and agreed to the criteria for filming the awards video.*

*I have obtained approval for this nomination from the submitting agency's Executive Director.*

Send this form via email to [mshreve@interhab.org](mailto:mshreve@interhab.org)

**The deadline to submit award nominations is June 7!**