

Outstanding Business Award Nomination

Award Description:

The Outstanding Business Award will be presented to a Kansas business which has demonstrated notable and continued support of individuals with disabilities. (i.e. supported employment, volunteer work, donations, etc.)

NOMINEE: Recovery Services Center, Kevin Shaw

ORGANIZATION: COF Training Services

Provide 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 support was demonstrated?
- What was the amount of support?
- What is the size of the business?
- What is the nature of the business?
- How has this support had a positive impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities and their community?
- How long has this business been supportive of individuals with disabilities?
- Additional information.

NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

Kevin Shaw, Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist (LCP) and founder of Recovery Services Center, is a standout leader in Kansas, dedicated to positively impacting the lives of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). His unwavering commitment to bridging gaps in therapy access and fostering long-term therapeutic relationships makes him an exceptional candidate for the Outstanding Business Award.

Nomination Details:

- Innovative Therapy Approaches:*** Kevin Shaw has revolutionized therapy for individuals with IDD by meeting them in their safe spaces, often in their homes. This personalized approach has significantly improved the success rate of long-term therapy, as it builds trust and reduces barriers. Kevin's ability to create a safe and comfortable environment for his clients has led to the establishment of strong therapeutic relationships, particularly with individuals who previously struggled to engage in therapy.
- Holistic Support and Crisis Management:*** Kevin extends his expertise beyond regular therapy sessions. He actively supports individuals served and staff at COF Training Services by providing crisis debriefs and grief support. His presence during challenging times ensures that both individuals with IDD and their caregivers receive the emotional support they need. Kevin's dedication to comprehensive care highlights his commitment to the well-being of the community he serves.

3. **Unwavering Dedication:** *Kevin's commitment to his clients is evident in his actions. When an individual lost Medicaid coverage for nine months due to oversight errors in the Kansas Clearing House, Kevin continued to provide weekly therapy sessions without payment. He understood that a significant gap in therapy would be detrimental to the individual's progress. This selfless act underscores Kevin's dedication to ensuring the continuity of care for his clients, regardless of financial challenges.*
4. **Community Involvement and Advocacy:** *Beyond his professional duties, Kevin is an active participant in community events. He regularly attends fundraising events for COF Training Services, showing his support and advocacy for individuals with IDD. His involvement in these events not only raises awareness but also fosters a sense of community and support for those impacted by IDD.*

Conclusion:

Kevin Shaw's exceptional contributions to the IDD community through the Recovery Services Center demonstrate his outstanding commitment to improving the lives of individuals with IDD in Kansas. His innovative therapeutic approaches, holistic support, unwavering dedication, and active community involvement make him a deserving recipient of the Outstanding Business Award. Kevin Shaw is not just a therapist; he is a beacon of hope and support for individuals with IDD and their families.

Recommendation: *I wholeheartedly recommend Kevin Shaw, LCP, and the Recovery Services Center for the Outstanding Business Award. His remarkable efforts and positive impact on the IDD community are truly commendable and worthy of recognition.*

Thank you for considering this nomination.

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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

The deadline to submit award nominations is June 7!