IN-APSE 2024

Best Practice Award

Annual Award Nomination Form

# SUBMITTED BY:

APSE Membership must be current. (Please print):

**Name of person making the nomination**

**Mailing address City, State, Zip**

## Area code and daytime phone APSE Membership Number Relationship to nominee

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## Email Address

## NOMINEE:

**Name of Nominee Area code and daytime phone**

**Title Company**

**Mailing Address City, State, Zip**

# DEADLINE

Complete this form and email with supporting statements no later than **January 12, 2024,** to:

**Jonathan Kraeszig jonathan.kraeszig@fssa.in.gov**

## PURPOSE

To recognize a provider organization that has successfully implemented strategies to support those with disabilities to work and further their career path in an inclusive workforce. Best practice can include any aspect of service provision including but not limited to:

1. Innovative, creative funding arrangements, especially those that finance individualized long-term support.
2. Creative use of natural supports to sustain long-term employment.
3. Effective strategies for marketing supported employment service to employers.
4. Innovative approaches to addressing work disincentives associated with potential loss or reduction of SSI/SSDI and medical benefits.
5. Successful adaptations of supported employment approaches for different disability groups and under-represented populations.
6. Innovative advocacy strategies.

## ELIGIBILITY

One award is conferred for this category. Examples include organizations, advocacy groups, board of directors, employment programs, businesses, individuals, etc.

## EVALUATION

Please describe and document (attach relevant documents) aspects of the nominee’s involvement with supported employment that illustrate one or more of the practices listed above. If additional space is needed for evaluation, please put on a separate sheet and attach to this form.

## NOTE: When answering these questions, please include as many specific examples as possible to help “tell the story” of why this individual deserves to win this award. Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Additionally, please respond to the following questions:

1. What specific achievements (organizational changes, community leadership, etc.) has this organization made in the area of Employment First?

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1. What activities does this organization do to promote inclusive employment and work to build partnerships with others to advance Employment First?

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1. What do the people they support, employers, and family members say about this organization’s accomplishments?

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**NOTE: All nominations must include two letters of support (please attach to this form).**

**THANK YOU!**