**2025 Kansas Recovery Conference**



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Nominations are due by (Friday) April 4thth, 2025 !

**Please complete one or more of the following forms and mail/email to:**

Recovery Conference Award Nominations c/o Melissa Patrick

PO Box 56

Wichita, KS 67201

Email: melissapatrick@kansascac.org Cell: 316.312.3479

***Nominations must be submitted by FRIDAY, APRIL 4th, 2025 for consideration***

# [The Innovative Program Award](#_2024_INNOVATIVE_PROGRAM)

This award recognizes a program that is “cutting edge” and enhances recovery.

Programs eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Must have originated in Kansas.
2. Be a new program within the past two (2) years.
3. Focus upon enhancing recovery.
4. Be worthy of upholding as a model.

# [Unity Award](#Unity)

This award recognizes those who have successfully united consumers and non-consumers for enhancement of their recovery in a cooperative manner. Nominations for this award will be accepted from consumer-run organizations, mental health centers, clubhouse programs, individual consumers, and mental health treatment providers.

**NOTE TO TREAMENT PROVIDERS AND TREAMENT PROVIDING AGENCIES:** As a

mental health provider, in order to consider an individual’s story as a nomination for an award, a release form is required and must be signed by the nominee and included with the nomination form. Nominations from treatment providers that do not include release forms may not be considered and will be returned.

# [Su & Dennis Budd Exemplary Life Award](#_2024_SU_&)

This award was initiated to honor two very special consumers whose leadership and advocacy efforts have shaped the consumer experience in Kansas. This annual award is given to a consumer whose energy and spirit stands out and who encourages and inspires others on their recovery journey.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Kansas consumer.
2. Demonstrate outstanding service to Kansas consumers, locally, or statewide.
3. Promote the values and ideals of recovery.

# [Chamberlain-Rapp Exemplary Leadership Award](#Chamberlain)

The Chamberlain-Rapp Exemplary Leadership Award is given annually to a mental health provider who has exhibited outstanding leadership skills on behalf of Kansas consumers and the recovery movement in the state.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Kansas mental health service provider.
2. Demonstrate outstanding service on behalf of Kansas consumers, locally, or statewide.
3. Promote the values and ideals of recovery.

# [Heidi Brandenberger Servant Leadership Award](#_2024_HEIDI_BRANDENBERGER)

This annual award is in honor of a very special person whose selfless work behind the scenes, available shoulder to lean on, and unwavering devotion to the consumer movement has helped many on their recovery journey. This award is given to a person who gives without expectation, whose presence lends strength and dignity to others, and who never doubts ‘we can do it’, inspiring leadership from those who thought they could never lead.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Kansas resident.
2. Demonstrate servant leadership to or on behalf of Kansas consumers, locally or statewide.
3. Promote the values and ideals of recovery.

# [Gary J. Parker Dedication, Leadership and Friendship Award](#_2024_GARY_J.)

Given annually to a consumer who exhibits the following qualities:

1. Promoting the cause of human dignity
2. Commitment to the consumer movement
3. Bringing partnerships and people together
4. Inspires others to act/adventure “outside the box”
5. Dedicated volunteerism

# [Certified Peer Specialist of the Year Award](#_2024_CERTIFIED_PEER)

Awarded annually to a Certified Peer Specialist who has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty. This person is an excellent model of the recovery principles. The person who received the Certified Peer Specialist of the Year Award has done exceptional work with helping peers with mental health and/or substance use disorders on their journey, while moving forward in their own recovery.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

* + Be employed as a Certified Peer Specialist in Kansas.
	+ Upholds the ethics and standards of a Certified Peer Specialist.
	+ Models the principles of recovery.
	+ Goes above and beyond the call of duty in serving their peers in recovery.

# [Excellence in Media Award](#Media)

Recognizes journalists, media outlets, television and film programs who excel in their coverage and portrayal of mental health issues in the news and entertainment media.

The eligibility criteria for this award includes:

1. The individual or business must be in the State of Kansas.
2. Nominee should help further education and stigma reduction through their coverage and portrayal of mental health issues.

# [Kansas Businesses that Care Award](#Business)

This award is given to a business that promotes the mental health of its employees, stakeholders and community.

Businesses eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. The business must operate in Kansas.
2. Business practices and policies should reflect the promotion of mental health for employees, stakeholders, and community.

# [iLead Award](#iLead)

The iLead award celebrates the life of a youth or young adult who has served their peers through mental health advocacy and education in an effort to further recovery and fight stigma.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a consumer living in the State of Kansas
2. Age 25 years or younger
3. Demonstrate outstanding service to their peers through their efforts in advocacy and education

**You may attach additional sheets as needed for award nominations.**

# 2025 INNOVATIVE PROGRAM AWARD

## Nomination Form

This award recognizes a program that is “cutting edge” and enhances recovery. Programs eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Must have originated in Kansas.
2. Be a new program within the past two (2) years.
3. Focus upon enhancing recovery.
4. Be worthy of upholding as a model.

Name of Innovative Program being nominated and, if applicable, the sponsoring agency/organization (i.e. Healthy Hearts Group at KS town Center/CRO)

* + Address
	+ City/State/Zip
	+ Phone
	+ Email

Person making nomination:

* + Name:
	+ Address
	+ City/State/Zip
	+ Phone
	+ Email

Describe the program below and how it enhances recovery**:**

(If more space is needed additional pages may be submitted. Please use black or blue ink, not marker or pencil, to complete nomination forms.)

**2025 UNITY AWARD**

Nomination Form

This award recognizes those in Kansas who have successfully united consumers and non-consumers for enhancement of their recovery in a cooperative manner. Nominations for this award will be accepted from consumer-run organizations, mental health centers, clubhouse programs, individual consumers, and mental health treatment providers.

Person Making Nomination Contact Information (address, phone, email)

Name, organization (if applicable), and contact information for those you are nominating:

* Person/Organization

Address/Phone/ Email

* Person/Organization

Address/Phone/ Email

* Person/Organization

Address/Phone/ Email

* Person/Organization

Address/Phone/ Email

Please use the next page to describe how these people unite consumers and non-consumers to promote recovery. If you need more space please add another sheet of paper. Please use black or blue ink, not marker or pencil, to complete nomination forms.

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# 2025 SU & DENNIS BUDD EXEMPLARY LIFE AWARD

## Nomination Form

This award was initiated to honor two very special consumers whose leadership and advocacy efforts have shaped the consumer experience in Kansas. This annual award is given to a consumer whose energy and spirit stands out and who encourages and inspires others on their recovery journey.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Kansas consumer.
2. Demonstrate outstanding service to Kansas consumers, locally, or statewide.
3. Promote the values and ideals of recovery.

Contact Person sending in form

Email

Contact Person Address

City/State/Zip

**Name of Person Being Nominated**

Address

City/State/Zip

Describe how this person has inspired consumers in Kansas: (If more space is needed additional pages may be submitted, please do not write on the back. Please use blue or black ink, not marker or pencil.)

**2025 CHAMBERLAIN-RAPP EXEMPLARY LEADSERHIP AWARD**

Nomination Form

The Chamberlain-Rapp Recovery Champion Award is given annually to a mental health provider who has exhibited outstanding leadership skills on behalf of Kansas consumers and the recovery movement in the state.

Name of Person being Nominated

Organization that Employs Person Nominated

Organization Address

City/State/Zip

Email address

Person making nomination

* Phone

Email

* Address
* City/State/Zip

Describe the program below and how it enhances recovery**:**

(If more space is needed additional pages may be submitted, please do not write on the back.. Please use black or blue ink, not marker or pencil, to complete nomination forms.)

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# 2025 HEIDI BRANDENBERGER SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nomination Form

This annual award is in honor of a very special person whose selfless work behind the scenes, available shoulder to lean on, and unwavering devotion to the consumer movement has helped many on their recovery journey. This award is given to a person who gives without expectation, whose presence lends strength and dignity to others, and who never doubts ‘we can do it’, inspiring leadership from those who thought they could never lead.

Contact Person

Contact Person Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Email

**Name of Person Being Nominated**

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Email

Please describe how the person you are nominating meets the criteria for this award. If more space is needed additional pages may be submitted. please do not write on the back. (Please use black or blue ink, not marker or pencil, to complete nomination forms.)

# 2025 GARY J. PARKER DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP AWARD

## Nomination Form

This award is in honor of Gary J. Parker for his devoted dedication and volunteerism in promoting individual rights and active participation for those living with a mental illness. This award is presented annually to a consumer who exhibits the following qualities:

* 1. Promoting the cause of human dignity
	2. Commitment to the consumer movement
	3. Bringing partnerships and people together
	4. Inspires others to act/adventure “outside the box”
	5. Dedicated volunteerism

Contact Person

Contact Person Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Email

**Name of Person Being Nominated**

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Email

Please describe how the person you are nominating meets the criteria for this award. If more space is needed additional pages may be submitted, please do not write on the back. (Please use black or blue ink, not marker or pencil, to complete nomination forms.)

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# 2025 CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

## Nomination Form

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beyond the call of duty. This person is an excellent model of the recovery principles. The person who receives the Certified Peer Specialist of the Year Award has done exceptional work with helping peers with mental health and/or substance use disorders on their journey, while moving forward in their own recovery. Person must be employed as a Certified Peer Specialist in the state of Kansas.

CONTACT PERSON: EMAIL: CONTACT ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP:

NAME OF CPS BEING NOMINATED: ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP:

Describe how this person is an excellent model of recovery principles and has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty.

**2025 EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD**

Nomination Form

This award recognizes journalists, media outlets, television and film programs who excel in their coverage and portrayal of mental health issues in the news and entertainment media.

NAME OF AWARD RECIPIENT: COMPANY NAME: ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP: EMAIL: PHONE:

CONTACT PERSON: ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP: EMAIL: PHONE:

Please describe why you nominated this award recipient:

**2025 KANSAS BUSINESSES THAT CARE AWARD**

Nomination Form

This award is given to recognize and acknowledge a business that promotes the mental health of its employees, as well as stakeholders, and is involved/supports communities here in the state of Kansas. A business that goes the extra mile or takes extensive measure to ensure wellbeing for all.

NAME OF BUSINESS: ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP: EMAIL:

CONTACT PERSON: ADDRESS: CITY/STATE/ZIP: PHONE: EMAIL:

WHY/HOW DOES THIS BUSINESS MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THIS AWARD?

**2025 iLEAD AWARD**

Nomination Form

The iLead award celebrates the life of a youth or young adult who has served their peers through mental health advocacy, awareness, and education in an effort to further recovery and fight stigma.

Persons eligible must meet the following criteria:

* + - Be a consumer in the State of Kansas aged 25 years or younger.

Contact Person

Contact Person Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Email

**Person Being Nominated**

**Age**

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Email

Please describe how this person exemplifies leadership among their peers through advocacy, bringing awareness or educating others to fight stigma and further recovery in their community. If more space is needed additional pages may be submitted, please do not write on the back. (Please use black or blue ink, not marker or pencil, to complete nomination forms.)