



Calling all Direct Support Professionals

NADD 35th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show

NADD DSP Award for Excellence

The NADD DSP 2018 Award for Excellence will be given at the NADD 35th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show “*Dancing in the Rain: Embracing Life through the Prism of Neurodiversity*” at a luncheon on November 2, 2018 at The Motif Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA. This award is presented annually to acknowledge a Direct Support Professional whose contribution to supporting people who live in our communities has resulted in significant improvement in the quality of life for individuals with IDD and mental health needs. *NADD is proud to announce the award recipient will be provided with two nights at the conference hotel and a cash award of \$100.*

To nominate a DSP for this prestigious award, please submit:

1. A one to two page statement indicating reasons for nominating candidate for consideration for this award, for example: how has this individual’s role as a DSP been exemplary, how has she/he made a difference in the life of someone with IDD/MI
2. The candidate’s resume or employment/education history
3. Candidate’s contact information (name, address, telephone and email address)
4. Nominator’s contact information (name, address, telephone and email address)

Nominations should be submitted by **August 30, 2018** to NADD, 132 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401-4802 or via email: info@thenadd.org

For further information, contact Melissa Cheplic at Melissa.Cheplic@Rutgers.edu

NADD’s Annual Conference Scholarship for Direct Support Professionals

Five (5) Direct Support Professionals will be chosen to receive FREE conference registration to attend The NADD 35th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show, “*Dancing in the Rain: Embracing Life through the Prism of Neurodiversity*” held October 31- November 2, 2018 at The Motif Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA, USA. <http://thenadd.org/35th/>

Please visit the link above to apply with the following information:

1. Describe the work you do in the community and the individual(s) you support. Include an illustration of how your work in the field has improved the quality of life and mental wellness for someone you support.
2. Explain how you hope to benefit from attending The NADD Conference and how you plan to use the experience to enhance your work in the field.