

# Help Me Grow National Center 2025 Joanna Bogin Award



## **AWARD DESCRIPTION**

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The Help Me Grow National Center Joanna Bogin Award honors individuals who have dedicated their life's work to building powerful systems of care and support for families with young children.

This award recognizes those who have made valuable contributions to the experiences of families with young children by working to make improvements and change at the community, state, and/or national-levels through:

- Development of strategic partnerships;
- Enabling cross-sector efficiencies;
- Promoting recognition of the need for system-level solutions;
- Advancing policy improvements; and/or
- Centering equity to promote positive outcomes for all children, especially those from families that are furthest from access and opportunity.

Award recipients are individuals whose efforts and advocacy have effectuated system-level advancements that have had an appreciable and evident impact on families with young children.

This award seeks to honor Joanna Bogin, dear friend, beloved colleague, and first-ever manager of the Help Me Grow (HMG) National Center by recognizing in others the extraordinary qualities that characterized her spirit:

- Inspirational interpersonal and relationship-building skills;
- Exceptional capacity for empathy and sensitivity;
- Keen ability to carefully listen in an open-minded manner; and
- Capacity to enable the trust and respect necessary for authentic, collaborative, impactful partnerships.

Read more about Joanna [here](#).

One individual will be selected to receive the 2025 Help Me Grow National Center Joanna Bogin Award.

## AWARD CRITERIA

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The *Help Me Grow National Center Joanna Bogin Award* is open to early childhood system-building professionals who have made or are currently making significant contributions at the community, state, and/or national-level. The National Center is seeking nominees whose careers and professional accomplishments embody the spirit of the award and the extraordinary qualities that Joanna Bogin brought to HMG.

Nominees must lead, work for, or partner with a HMG affiliate.

Nominees must be able to attend the 2025 HMG National Forum in Hartford, Connecticut on July 14-16, where the award will be presented.

## KEY DATES & NOMINATION PROCESS

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Call for nominees open April 1, 2025.

Nominations must be submitted by May 1, 2025 at 11:59 PM AKST. [All nominations must be submitted digitally here.](#)

Nominators will be notified by the HMG National Center of award decision by May 16, 2025.

## AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

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- Showcase of the awardee, published on the HMG National Center website and HMG News edition following the Forum.
- Waived registration to attend the 2025 HMG National Forum in Hartford, Connecticut on July 14-16, where the award will be presented.
- Receipt of the award at the event on Wednesday, July 16.
- A monetary award of \$1,500 (USD) to go to the individual awardee for their personal contribution to systems serving families with young children in their community or state.

## NOMINATION FORM PREVIEW

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Provided below is the full set of questions you will encounter when submitting a nomination to the 2025 Joanna Bogin Award. This section is intended to provide a preview of the nomination form only, and may not be used to submit a nominee for consideration.

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For questions on the HMG National Center Joanna Bogin Award, please contact Sarah Zucker, Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships & Network Relations at [szucker@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:szucker@connecticutchildrens.org).

The online nomination form requests:

- Nominator's name and HMG affiliate state/system name
- Description of the nominee's work (250 words max)

- Description of nominee's relation/contribution to HMG (250 words max)
- Rationale for the nomination. How has the nominee's work embodied the spirit of the award and the characteristics the award seeks to honor? (500 words max)
- Nominee's Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- One letter of recommendation:
  - Must be from an individual other than nominee/nominator
  - One page maximum
  - Should describe the author's relationship to the nominee and why the nominee is deserving of the award
  - Optional: Up to two additional letters of recommendation

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