

AACAP Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Regional Organization

Oregon Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



The Oregon Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry receives its award during the Assembly of Regional Organizations on Tuesday, October 23, from 8:00 am–4:00 pm.

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AACAP's Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Regional Organization was established in 1996 to recognize a regional organization for its outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of children and adolescents. AACAP is honored to present the Oregon Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry with the 2018 Assembly Catchers in the Rye Award to a Regional Organization.

In 1996, at a time when Oregon's youth suicide rate was 30% above the national rate and one of the top ten highest rates, the Oregon Council joined with the Governor's Task Force on Youth Suicide Prevention. Striving to better meet the needs of Oregon youth and families, our Council has a 20+ year history of playing a substantial role in our state's youth suicide prevention efforts. In the process, we have built important relationships.

We value these relationships with suicide survivors, individuals with lived experience of mental illness, the many state organizations serving Oregon youth and families, specialty medical societies, our state's elected officials, AACAP's national office, and other regional organizations. We have all worked together to promote children's health and safety. These relationships have helped others appreciate the depth of training and experience of child and adolescent psychiatrists and led to important legislative developments in our state related to the care and well-being of our youth.

On behalf of the executive committee and members of the Oregon Council, as well as the other regional organizations, we want to thank AACAP for this honor and in supporting each of our regional efforts. Preventing youth suicide is complicated and requires a multidimensional approach that adapts to changing times, involving as many Oregonians, including youth and families, as possible. Suicide remains the second leading cause of death of youth in our state, and so we are challenged to do better. We humbly accept this honor as an appreciation of AACAP's support of our Council's efforts to provide expertise, develop community partnerships, reduce stigma, and influence legislation to promote prevention and effective intervention as we look to further improve the lives of Oregon youth and families.

