



## OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH SERVICES

### CARMEL BLAND YOUTH CARE WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Carmel Bland is considered one of the founding fathers of youth services in Oklahoma. After working on a project to study the needs of juveniles he co-authored "Youth in Trouble – A Shared Concern" which generated interest in the problems of troubled youth. Mr. Bland believed that youth services programs could play an important role in the juvenile system and in the lives of Oklahoma's youth. His contributions have been an inspiration to youth workers across Oklahoma.

**This award has typically been given to YSA staff that works directly with youth and families, i.e., childcare worker, shelter director, counselor, program coordinator, CARS worker, foster care worker, etc.**

Nominees must be direct care youth service employees.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Agency/Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Give reasons why this person should be selected as the Carmel Bland Youth Care Worker of the Year Award Winner. Limit comments to two pages, typed and double-spaced. Include information such as special skills, unique contributions to clients, circumstances that affect job performance, such as handicap or disability, and other pertinent information.

**Please submit your forms via email by January 27, 2023**

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### KATE BARNARD YOUTH ADVOCATE AWARD

Kate Barnard was one of the first youth advocates in the state of Oklahoma. During the young years of statehood, Ms. Barnard successfully advocated for a constitutional amendment to set up the Oklahoma Department of Charities and Corrections. She helped establish child labor and compulsory education laws and was probably the first Oklahoman to advocate for removing children from jails.

**Nominees may be anyone you believe needs to be recognized for outstanding efforts in advocating for your agency or OAYS as a whole, i.e., judges, lawyers, legislators, community leaders, pastors, youth pastors, mayor, police officer, etc.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Agency/Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Give reasons why this person should be selected as the Youth Advocate of the Year Award Winner. Limit comments to two pages, typed and double-spaced. Include information such as unique contributions to youth, special skills, and other pertinent information.

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