

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL 2021 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

OVERVIEW: *The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council is pleased to recognize the outstanding work performed in Los Angeles County by individuals and agencies in the field of domestic violence. In October of this year, we will be presenting a total of five (5) awards: The Betty Fisher Award, The Kendall Evans Memorial Award, The Award for Excellence in Service, The Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service and The Award for Excellence in Public Service. Explanations of the awards and the criteria are provided below.*

With the exception of the Betty Fisher Award, which will be awarded to an individual with lived experience of intimate partner violence, persons eligible for the remaining awards include persons or agencies supporting victims/survivors of intimate partner violence or abuse, persons with lived experience and/or persons or agencies supporting persons who commit or have committed acts of domestic violence or abuse.

**When completing a nomination, please provide details that indicate how the individual or agency meets the listed criteria.*

Betty Fisher Award:

Betty Fisher was a pioneer in the domestic violence field. She worked tirelessly on multiple fronts to advance the safety and security of those impacted by domestic violence. In her honor, in honor of the work being done by survivors of intimate partner violence in the County of Los Angeles, and as a reflection of our commitment to center the voice of survivors, the Domestic Violence Council presents the Betty Fisher Award to an individual with lived experience whose advocacy advances the safety and support of intimate partner violence survivors and/or lifts the voice of survivors and their families for the purpose of preventing and/or addressing intimate partner violence.

Criteria for the Betty Fisher Award: Persons eligible for the Betty Fisher Award must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. The nominee must be a survivor of intimate partner violence; and,
2. The nominee must work, advocate and/or volunteer in the private or public sector to support persons impacted by intimate partner violence within the County of Los Angeles; and,
3. The nominee must demonstrate a level of commitment and dedication that exceeds their day-to-day responsibilities and reflects a sustained commitment to addressing domestic violence beyond their individual needs.

The Kendall Evans Memorial Award: Kendall Evans was a brilliant transgender woman whose life and work involved study and commitment to ensure that all people impacted by intimate partner violence receive support, services and understanding. Kendall was an active member of the Domestic Violence Council whose courageous voice reflected her insistence that we all open our minds and hearts to those suffering from trauma. Kendall passed away in August 2020. We honor her by presenting this award in her memory to an individual or agency engaged in addressing intimate partner violence whose effort focuses on inclusion of unserved and underserved people including those providing services and support to persons who cause harm by perpetrating intimate partner violence.

Criteria for the Kendall Evans Memorial Award: Persons/agencies eligible for the Kendall Evans Memorial Award must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. The nominee must provide paid or unpaid services and/or advocacy for persons impacted by intimate partner violence in Los Angeles County; and,
2. The nominee must work, volunteer or advocate in the private or public sector to advance the inclusion of unserved and/or underserved populations and/or individuals in intimate partner violence programs and services; and,
3. The nominee must work, volunteer or advocate with victims/survivors of domestic violence and their families and/or with persons who commit or have committed acts of intimate partner violence or abuse.

Recognition Awards:

The **Award for Excellence in Service** recognizes outstanding efforts in the prevention of and/or intervention in domestic violence in Los Angeles County. This award is presented to an individual who is employed, or has been employed within the last 12 months, in any capacity within the intimate partner violence field or in a position that allows them to perform this work.

Criteria: Persons eligible for the Award for Excellence in Service must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. The nominee must provide services in Los Angeles County; and,
2. The nominee must be employed, or employed within the last 12 months, in any capacity on a full-time, part-time or as-needed basis in the intimate partner violence field or in a position that allows them to perform this work in a non-volunteer, non-public sector capacity; and,
3. The nominee must have engaged in outstanding effort in the prevention of and/or intervention in intimate partner violence.

The **Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service** recognizes outstanding dedication to the prevention of and/or intervention in domestic violence by someone serving in a volunteer capacity for an agency or organization that provides intimate partner violence services or as an advocate for prevention or intervention of domestic violence in Los Angeles County.

Criteria: Persons eligible for the Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. The nominee must provide services in Los Angeles County; and,
2. The nominee must volunteer in any capacity on a full-time, part-time or as-needed basis in the intimate partner violence field; and,
3. The nominee must have engaged in outstanding effort in their work that supports the prevention of and/or intervention in intimate partner violence.

The **Award for Excellence in Public Service** recognizes outstanding work in intimate partner prevention and/or intervention to a person working in or on behalf of the public sector in Los Angeles County, such as elected officials or their staff, judges or court staff, law enforcement, prosecutors, employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Mental Health, other Federal, State, County or City Departments or Divisions, persons with lived experience or other public sector employees or advocates.

Criteria: Persons eligible for the Award for Excellence in Public Service must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. The nominee must provide services in Los Angeles County; and,
2. The nominee must work, volunteer, or focus their advocacy in the public sector; and,
3. The nominee must have engaged in outstanding effort in their work that supports the prevention of and/or intervention in intimate partner violence.

PLEASE NOTE: The Awards Committee reserves the right to consider a nomination for any other award if they believe that the person/agency nominated is more appropriately recognized by a different award. Please do not nominate the same individual/agency for multiple awards.