

National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA)

AWARDS

Donald R. Hammergren Distinguished Service Award

Donald R. Hammergren (1925-1984) was a founder, president, and active member of the National Juvenile Detention Association. He implemented the incorporation of NJDA as a not-for-profit association, and his personal contribution of time was matched by financial contributions that enabled NJDA to survive and grow. Throughout his career, Hammergren devoted a large part of his life to setting, improving monitoring, and implementing standards for juvenile detention.

The Hammergren Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of juvenile detention. Nominations for the award are accepted annually, and the award is only granted when it is clearly demonstrated that an outstanding achievement or contribution with a national impact has been made with the field of juvenile justice. When presented, the Award shall be made during the annual Joint Conference each fall.

Grimm/Hill NJDA Member of the Year

The Association shall recognize a member, in good standing, whose contributions have benefited the profession and/or helped build or expand the organization's horizons. The awarding decision is at the discretion of the NJDA Executive Director. The Award shall be presented during the annual Joint Conference each fall. In 2004, the award was renamed to honor past leaders of the Association, Rayetta Grimm and Jon R. Hill.

Bob Rader Line Staff of the Year

Robert B. Rader (1927-1982) was by his actions and decisions as a juvenile detention administrator, a pioneer in bringing a sense of humane care of youth into the juvenile detention setting by attempting, under sometimes severe community and bureaucratic pressures, to create an atmosphere that was less jail-like and truly in the best interests of youth. The Rader Awards recognize the significance of line staff workers and detention services professionals on the lives of at-risk and delinquent youth. Nominations for the awards are accepted annually. When presented, the Award shall be made during the annual National Juvenile Services Training Institute (NJSTI).

Awarded to individuals responsible for the direct supervision of youth in an in-custody environment. Nominations are solicited from facility administrators on an annual basis. Awards shall be presented at NJDA's spring conference (i.e., NJSTI).

Bob Rader Detention Services Worker of the Year

Awarded to individuals responsible for working in any form of detention services (i.e., secure, home detention, etc.) at any level of the organizational structure (i.e., supervisory, social services, food services, medical services, maintenance services, etc.). Nominations are solicited from detention services system administrators on an annual basis. Awards shall be presented at NJDA's spring conference (i.e., NJSTI).

NJDA Service and Advocacy Award

The Association reserves the right to present a general service award to any individual in the juvenile services profession whose efforts have positively impacted either NJDA or the field. Nominations are not solicited. Recommendations may be submitted by the Executive Committee or Board to the Executive Office for review. This award may be presented at any point during the year.

NJDA Award of Excellence

The Association reserves the right to present an award of excellence to any agency or organization in the juvenile services profession that demonstrates high standards, promotes best practice, or provides otherwise exemplary service. Nominations are not solicited. Recommendations may be submitted by the Executive Committee or Board to the Executive Office for review. This award may be presented at any point during the year.