



Keys for Networking, Inc.

The Kansas Parent Information and Resource Center *The State Organization of the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health*

April 1, 2004

Dear Families:

Will you help us find the best practitioners (mental health, juvenile justice, education and foster care) who served Kansas children and adolescents this year? This is the sixth year that Keys for Networking, Inc. will honor Kansans who are doing great work for youth who have emotional and behavioral needs and their families.

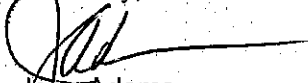
Preparations are underway now for the Sixth Annual OSCARS. The OSCARS begins with you, with your nominations. Will you help us find the state's best service providers? Providers who make up your child's world, who are doing outstanding work, going the extra mile, turning negatives into positives and never giving up. We'd like to know about these people. We would like to recognize their efforts and we will want to add them to our Technical Assistance Peer Network (TAPN) and invite them to join the Keys network of consultants to help families all over the state next year.

The Oscars' celebration is scheduled for June 4th and 5th at Forest Park Conference and Retreat Center in Topeka. We will begin the evening of the 4th with dinner to recognize all nominees and nominators. The 5th will be dedicated to training. Nominees and nominators, both, must attend to win. This is part of the competition. This time provides our judges an opportunity to observe and interview the nominees, and nominators and select the winners. The winners will be announced at the OSCAR banquet on June 5th at 6:00 p.m. If the person you nominate is a finalist, we will notify them and invite you to attend as well. We will arrange and pay for lodging and provide meals only for the three finalists and the people who nominated them. In past years we have had as many as 500 people. So please nominate early.

Please review the enclosed list of categories carefully and follow the nomination guidelines. You may also visit our website at www.keys.org and fill out the online nomination form. A panel of expert judges who will include last year's winners will review the nominations. We will invite up to three finalists in each category to attend the Oscars' event. Finalists must be present for the entire event in order to win. Should you wish to attend on your own or select other accommodations, we will provide to you a list of local hotels, including prices. Wherever you decide to stay - with us or on your own - we invite you to join us at Forest Park for meals and for the workshops / trainings from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th.

Please use the enclosed nomination form and return it to Keys by April 20th, 2004. The address is 1301 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, KS 66612. (ATTN: Sandra) If you have questions, please call Sandra or Gually at 1-785-233-8732 or 1-800-499-8732.

Sincerely,



Jane Adams
Executive Director