



Nominations Form

Recognizing outstanding partners advancing the well-being and outcomes of justice-involved youth in Omaha and beyond.

How to Submit

Please complete all sections. Save the file as "[Nominee Name] – [Award Category].docx" and email it to carla.patton-ochsner@radiusomaha.org with the subject line: "Award Nomination". Nominations may be submitted by community members, organizations, or youth/families. Self-nominations are welcome.

Key Dates

- Nomination deadline: August 1, 2026
- Finalists notified: September 1, 2026
- Awards presentation: October 22, 2026

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Eligible nominees include individuals, coalitions, nonprofits, schools, justice system partners, and businesses serving youth and families in Omaha or the broader region. Nominees should demonstrate integrity, collaboration, and measurable impact for youth who are justice-involved or at elevated risk.

Award Categories

Select one (1) award for this nomination:

- Community Impact Award** — Celebrating a partner or organization making a measurable difference in the lives of youth through collaboration and service.
- Innovator in Juvenile Justice** — Acknowledging creative, forward-thinking approaches that improve outcomes for youth in the justice system.
- Legacy of Leadership Award** — Honoring a long-standing leader whose work has shaped the juvenile justice landscape in Omaha or beyond.

What Reviewers Look For

Community Impact Award:

- Evidence of measurable outcomes for youth and families (e.g., improved school engagement, reduced recidivism, increased stability).
- Depth and quality of collaborations across sectors (schools, nonprofits, courts, health providers, etc.).
- Inclusive, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive practices.
- Sustainability and scalability of impact.

Innovator in Juvenile Justice:

- Novel, human-centered design or evidence-based adaptation that addresses a documented need.
- Clear learning cycle (testing, iterating, sharing).
- Demonstrated improvements in outcomes, access, or experience for youth/ families.
- Potential for replication or policy influence.

Legacy of Leadership Award:

- 10+ years of leadership advancing justice, equity, and opportunity for youth.
- Mentorship, coalition-building, and sector-wide influence.
- Documented, enduring impact on programs, policy, or community conditions.
- Exemplifies ethical leadership and community stewardship.

Section 1: Nominator Information

Your Name	
Title/Role	
Organization (if applicable)	
Email	
Phone	
Relationship to Nominee (e.g., partner, colleague, youth/family)	

Section 2: Nominee Information

Nominee Name (individual or organization)	
Primary Contact (for organizations)	
Title/Role	
Email	
Phone	
Website or Social (optional)	
Award Category (select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Innovator in Juvenile Justice <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy of Leadership

Section 3: Nomination Narrative

Please address the prompts below. Be concise and include specific examples and data where possible.
(Suggested total length: 800–1,200 words)

A. Summary of Contribution: Provide a brief overview (150–200 words) of the nominee’s work and why they should receive this award.

B. Need & Context: Describe the community or system need the nominee is addressing, including the youth population served and relevant context in Omaha or the broader region.

C. Approach & Collaborations: Explain the strategies, partnerships, and practices used. Include how the nominee applies trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and evidence-based approaches.

D. Outcomes & Evidence: Share measurable outcomes and data (quantitative and/or qualitative). Cite sources or attach supporting materials where available.

E. Equity & Lived Experience: Describe how youth and families with lived experience inform the work and how equity is centered.

F. Sustainability & Reach: Explain how the work is sustained and, if applicable, how it is scaling or being replicated.

Section 4: References or Endorsements (Optional)

Reference 1 — Name & Affiliation	
Email & Phone	
Relationship to Nominee	

Section 5: Attachments (Optional)

You may attach up to three (3) supporting documents, such as a one-page impact summary, letters of support, media coverage, or data snapshots.

Section 6: Consent & Verification

By submitting this nomination, I affirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that, if selected, the nominee consents to public recognition. If nominating an individual youth or family member, please confirm appropriate consent for any personally identifying information disclosed.

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominator Printed Name: _____

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