



Aphasia Access Innovator Award

Presented every other year at The Aphasia Access Leadership Summit

The Aphasia Access Innovator Award offers recognition for an Aphasia Access member, in good standing, who has exceptionally creative ideas that have the potential for, and evidence of, significant impact on the Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA) framework of service delivery.

The Innovator Award was developed as a means to recognize the incredible work of service providers who have considered LPAA development from a novel and diverse perspective and have addressed challenges in a creative and innovative manner. Their propensity to question existing assumptions and beliefs have allowed new programs to be created that exemplify the treatment framework and take into consideration the supporting evidence and outcomes. Further, the individual should be known to address the needs of individuals with aphasia, their families and the community with a practical, task-oriented mindset considering alternative funding streams, resource allocation and pragmatic solutions to program challenges.

The award may be presented to an individual whose contributions have been made in a single area or multiple areas of achievement within the LPAA. This individual can be a speech-language pathologist or other professional that works within the field. Accomplishments in the following areas are considered for this award:

- Clinical service
- Counseling and supportive programming
- Education and training
- Research
- Advocacy
- Leadership and mentoring

Nominations for the Innovator Award are due no later than October 25th. Those nominated will be informed of their nomination shortly thereafter and will be requested to submit a CV, brief highlights of their career (in a 1-page form) and one reference by November 15th. Announcement regarding a recipient will be made by early January 2017. The recipient will be expected to attend the Aphasia Access 2017 Leadership Summit (March 16-18th in Orlando, Florida) where the award will be presented during a plenary session.

Individuals are encouraged to nominate those that they believe embody the spirit of the award. Self-nominations are welcome as well.



To Nominate:

Please submit information and/or documentation that supports the nominee's contributions to the innovative service, idea development, and implementation of LPAA.

Elements that must be included with all nomination submissions:

- Letter of nomination (or self-nomination), not to exceed 2 single-spaced pages. Must include identification of ideas/programs/services/systems that have challenged the status quo and have the potential for great impact on the scope of LPAA
- Nominee's contact information
- Additional materials that support the nominee's contributions to the LPAA

Submissions:

All nominations should be sent to Todd Von Deak, Aphasia Access Executive Director at tvondeak@AphasiaAccess.org.