2025 ASPHN Annual Awards

ASPHN Proudly Presents the 2025 & 2024 Annual Award Winners

Each year, ASPHN recognizes excellence and leadership among its members for their contributions to the field of public health nutrition through their work within ASPHN and their communities.

It is with much pride that ASPHN presents the 2025 & 2024 Annual Awards. We are grateful for these leaders. All of them demonstrate vision, passion and determination to accomplish meaningful change for the health of our nation.

2024 Excellence in Practice Award

This award acknowledges and recognizes a member or team of members for outstanding contribution to the field of public health nutrition and their activities and efforts that have assisted in meeting ASPHN's mission.

Amy Meinen

healthTIDE and the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Amy Meinen has been dedicated to children's health since 2010 and has supported the statewide coalition called Healthy Early. She has been a tireless advocate in the past five years to ensure those with lived experiences are leaders for determining solutions through Healthy Early whose goal is to ensure there is no work happening for us without us.

Congratulate Amy

2024 Excellence in Assocation Work Award

This award recognizes a member whose committee work or Board activities during the past year made a major difference in moving forward ASPHN's goals and objectives.

Beth Cordova

Public Health Foundation Enterprise WIC Program

Beth Cordova was the coordinator of ASPHN's MCH-DEIA workgroup and MCH Nutrition steering committee. She contributed her time to the ASPHN strategic plan and presented the "Why I value ASPHN" student webinar. Beyond her role, Beth is a Chair-elect for the Academy PHCNP, Treasure of the California Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. Beth is also a member of the National WIC Association's registered dietitian Recruitment and Retention Task Force.

Congratulate Beth

2024 Excellence in Advocacy Award

This award recognizes someone who has made a significant contribution to the field of public health nutrition through advocacy, policy change, and/or collaborative work with decision makers.

Emily Moree

Arizona Department of Health WIC

Emily Moree is the past ASPHN governance committee member and is the policy committee co-chair. She always makes attendees feel welcomed and part of the overall team. She currently runs the ASPHN Medicaid 1115 Waiver Networking Workgroup and has a passion for nutrition and health policies and her knowledge and skills are appreciated.

Congratuate Emily

2024
Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Leadership Council Award

This award honors a leader in the area of Maternal and Child Health for their outstanding contribution to improving the health and well-being of mothers and children.

Angel Cunningham

Family Care Health Centers Community Education Program

Angel Cunningham served enthusiastically and passionately as the MCH Nutrition Council chair from 2022-2023 and served as past chair in 2024. She has been active on the committee for a number of years. She embodies leadership, kindness, and collaboration and is working to achieve optimal well-being through nutrition and active living among the maternal and child health population.

Congratulate Angel

2024
Leadership in Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Award

This award honors leaders in the area of Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition for their outstanding contribution to public health nutrition specifically related to increasing fruit and vegetable consumption.

Jami Rokala

Headwaters Nutrition Counseling, LLC

Jami Rokala is a Farm to Early Care and Farm to School advocate. While working as a child nutrition manager for Head Start, Jami developed a curriculum that coincides with both Farm to ECE and Head Start.

Congratulate J ami

2024
Outstanding Leadership for the Healthy Food, Active Communities Award

This award honors a leader in the area of Healthy Food and Active Communities for outstanding contributions to public health nutrition specifically related to obesity prevention.

Liana Schreiber

Minnesota Department of Health

Liana Schreiber goes above and beyond in her work as an evaluator for Minnesota's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP). Her training as a public health dietitian informs how she plans and implements our evaluation framework, and she has a keen sense of balancing the practical realities of public health and nutrition interventions with scientific rigor. Liana is an exemplary public health professional.

Congratulate Liana

2025 Excellence in Association Work

This award recognizes a member whose committee work or Board activities during the past year made a major difference in moving forward ASPHN's goals and objectives.

Sarah Rogers

Office of Food Security, Department of Health and Human Services Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Sarah is an active member of ASPHN's Policy Committee and serves as ASPHN's liaison with the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA)/Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). Sarah has demonstrated her dedication to her role by consistently sharing critical information and timely updates on public health, nutrition policies, and initiatives with Policy Committee during each monthly meeting.

Congratulate Sarah

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Amanda Harner
University of Georgia Extension

Congratulate Amanda

Destynee Jones
Student, Southern New Hampshire University

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Chris Mornick
Washington Department of Social and Health Services

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The Farm Bill workgroup, with the ASPHN Policy Committee, reviewed comments and priorities from nine like-minded organizations to compile a letter for the House and Senate Ag committees. Amanda Harner, Destynee Jones, Chris Mornick, Alexis Pippins, Amanda Stewart, and Jennifer Young comprised this dedicated team.

Highlights of the letter included:

- The need for expanded food assistance and nutrition program access,
- Improvements to SNAP benefits for adequacy, and to strengthen equitable access to nutrition programs, plus other measures.

This was the first time the ASPHN Policy Committee submitted an unsolicited letter on a piece of legislation and marked an important contribution by ASPHN in legislation that affects nearly all of our programs.

Alexis Pippins
Student, University of California, Riverside

Congratulate Alexis

Amanda Stewart
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Congratulate Amanda

Jennifer Young
Oregon Department of Education

Congratulate Jennifer

Chris

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