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Representative for Children and Youth Awards of Excellence

The Representative for Children and Youth's newly established annual awards recognize and encourage excellence in British Columbia's child and youth serving system, and reflect the established goals of the Representative's Office; specifically those that:

- Profile and recognize best practices in program and service delivery to children and youth, and *by* youth;
- Support initiatives to improve outcomes for all children with respect for their place, culture and community; and
- Draw on lessons learned to promote prevention initiatives and best practices.

These awards will recognize and honour people and organizations whose work with children and youth exemplify innovation, respect, and a commitment to improving outcomes and professional excellence.

A panel of qualified individuals will assist the Representative in selecting the winners.

Winners will be recognized and honoured at an awards dinner October 20, 2008 during the Champions for Children and Youth 2008 BC Summit.

To Make a Nomination:

To nominate an individual, office or organization for a **Representative for Children and Youth Award of Excellence**, follow the links to the awards categories below:

- **The Advocacy Award of Excellence**
- **The Cultural Heritage and Diversity Award of Excellence**
- **The Innovative Services Award of Excellence**
- **The Service Provider Award of Excellence**
- **The Youth Leadership Award of Excellence**

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 4:00PM Pacific Time, September 10, 2008