

2026 Children's Healthcare Canada Award for Leadership in Family and Person- Centered Care

Call for Nominations

Award Description

The Children's Healthcare Canada Award for Family and Person-Centred Care recognizes teams or programs that have implemented innovative practices to enhance the human experience in healthcare. This prestigious award showcases initiatives that embody the principles of family-centred care, including:

- **Dignity and Respect:** Healthcare providers listen to and respect the perspectives and choices of individuals and families, integrating their knowledge, values, beliefs, and cultural backgrounds into care planning and delivery.
- **Information Sharing:** Open and unbiased communication with individuals and families, providing timely and accurate information to support their involvement in care and decision-making.
- **Participation:** Empowering individuals and families to participate in care and decision-making at their desired level.
- **Collaboration:** Collaborating with individuals, families, healthcare professionals, and leaders in policy development, program implementation, facility design, education, research, and care delivery to enhance the healthcare experience for patients, residents, clients, families, and communities.

Programs and services eligible for this award must demonstrate measurable success in improving patient experience, enhancing staff training and development, and fostering satisfaction and engagement among staff and clinicians.

Nomination Terms

- The nomination must be submitted through the online nomination form **no later than December 22, 2025 (at 11:59 PM ET)**.
- The nominated team must be part of a Children's Healthcare Canada member organization.
- A representative of the nominated team must consent to the nomination.
- The Children's Healthcare Canada Family Network shall adjudicate the list of nominees and make a recommendation to the Children's Healthcare Canada Awards Selection Committee for final approval, and the awardee will be notified, via email, in January.
- The recipient of this award will receive one complimentary registration to the Children's Healthcare Canada's 2026 Annual Conference.

Additional Information

- The awardee is expected to attend the Annual Children's Healthcare Canada Awards Ceremony on June 1, 2026, in Calgary, Alberta to accept this award.
- The award recipient is expected to record a 2-minute video that will be published to the Children's Healthcare Canada website following the Awards Ceremony on June 1, 2026.
- The recipient will be featured on Children's Healthcare Canada's social media platforms and SPARK: News.
- Re-submissions are encouraged annually for consideration at future conferences; please update the letter and nomination form to reflect updated nomination requirements.