



Erie County Lighthouse Recovery Champion Award



This award honors professionals throughout Erie County who have displayed deep dedication to helping people recover from substance use disorders. This award will be offered for the 1st time through the Erie County Office of Drug & Alcohol Abuse/ Regional Recovery Hub at the Erie County Recovery Celebration on Sept 18th, 2026 at the Booker T. Washington Center from 11am to 2pm.

Nominees should demonstrate trauma-informed care, lived experience or strong empathy, active positive community engagement, and proven ethical support within Erie County, Pennsylvania. Nominees may include, but not limited to the following professions: Therapists/ Counselors, Case Managers, CRSs/ CPSs, Doctors, Nurses, and more. Nominees may not have any active legal or ethical issues pending.

We prefer if people in or seeking recovery (or their family members, support, etc.) submit the nominations for this award. The nominator must share how the professional changed their recovery path in a positive way.

This award recognizes local professionals who go beyond basic job duties; celebrate trust, safety, and personal growth in recovery; while empowering people in or seeking recovery to share their personal stories of healing.

Due to the principle of anonymity in recovery, as well as any possible issues in their workplace to be present in-person to possibly accept this award, please be sure the person agrees to be nominated. Please let them know they will be able to also say a few words at the Celebration if they are chosen for this award. We would also prefer you are also present day of event if your nominating person is chosen, if possible, to assist with the presentation of this award.

Name of person you are nominating: _____

Complete work address: _____

Work Phone#: _____

Work email (if you have it): _____

Organizations where the person is active (if applicable): _____

Your name: _____

Your daytime Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Reason you are nominating this individual: _____

Please feel free to add additional info if you need more space (attach additional page if needed).

Please return completed form to: bcortes@eriecountypa.gov or www.RecovEriePA.org

Deadline for submission is **August 31, 2026.**