

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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2025

Antonio Manuel Amor González, PhD
Esther Lindström, PhD
Impact
Genevieve Fitzgibbon
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Telling It Our Way
Sheryl Larson, PhD, FAAIDD
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Deborah M. Spitalnik, PhD, FAAIDD
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Geonhwa Kim, MA

Early Career Award
Education Award
Historic Preservation Award
Humanitarian Award
International Award
Leadership Award
Media Award
Policy Award
Research Award
Service to the Association Award
Service to the Field Award
Special Award
Student Award

2024

Allison Zagona, PhD
Jennifer Kurth, PhD
Imagine Enterprises
William Gaventa, MDiv, FAAIDD
Amy Hewitt, PhD, FAAIDD
IDD Health Matters Podcast
Jean Winsor, PhD
Frank Symons, PhD
Brian Aberly, PhD
Sentry Services and Supports
Jessica Curd, MSW

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2023

Diane Morin, PhD, FAAIDD
Carly B. Gilson, PhD
Kim Fisher, PhD, FAAIDD
The Arc of Frederick County, Maryland
Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic
Studies, 89(3), summer 2022 issue
Caroline Coffield, PhD, FAAIDD
Barbara Kleist, JD, MEd
Katherine E. McDonald, PhD, FAAIDD
Rose A. Sevcik, PhD, FAAIDD
Elizabeth Perkins, PhD, RNLD (ret.), FAAIDD,
Steven M. Eidelman, MSW, MBA, FAAIDD
James Lemanowicz, MBA, FAAIDD
Alice Bacherini, MA

Dybwad Humanitarian Award
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Education Award
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2022

Mélina Rivard, PhD
Jennifer L. Jones, PhD, FAAIDD
Lisa A. Sonneborn, MFA
Seunghye Park, PhD
Matthew Kaufman, MD
David Egan
Nicole Jorwic, JD
Carli Friedman, PhD
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2021

Angela John Thurman, PhD
LaRon A. Scott, EdD
Margaret “Peg” Gould, MEd
Richard Hastings, PhD
Marian Frattarola-Saulino, MSW
Chris Ulmer
Alison Barkoff, JD
Colleen Thoma, PhD
Evan E. Dean, PhD
John Agosta, PhD
Kristin Dell’Armo

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2020

Grace Grancis, PhD
J. Carolyn Graff, PhD, RN
Dandii Odgerel, PhD
Joanna Pierson, PhD
Hearts of Glass, JenTen Productions
National Core Indicators (NCI) Program, HSRI &
NASDDDS
Beth Malow, MD, MS
Marco Lombardi, MA
Celia S. Feinstein, MA
Alan Santinele Martino, MA

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2019

David Coulter, MD
Meghan M. Burke, PhD
Carol Britton Laws, PhD, MSW
Western Pennsylvania Disability History and
Action Consortium
Chu-yu Chiu, PhD
MaryAnn Romski, PhD

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International Award
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Susan L. Parish, PhD
Vincent Chesney, MS
Neomi van Duijvenbode, PhD
Département de Psychologie at Université du
Québec à Montréal (UQAM)
Ariel Schwartz, MS

Research Award
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2018

Amy S. Weitlauf, PhD
David R. Johnson, PhD
Giulia Balboni, PhD
Mary Kay Rizzolo, PhD
Marty Ford, JD
Ann P. Kaiser, PhD
Sharon C. Gomez
Leslie Walker-Hirsch, MEd
Jennifer L. Bumble, MEd

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2017

Cathy Ficker Terrill, MS
Patricia Navas, PhD
Susan Copeland, PhD
Community Engagement Program-TRIAD
Jerry Smith, MBA
Katie Arnold, MS
Chris Serres
Trillium Health Resources “Play Together”
Initiative
Maria Paula Mello, MEd

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2016

Real Communities Initiative
Karrie A. Shogren, PhD
Sofia Santos, PhD
John and Connie Lyle O’Brien
Welcome Change Productions
Michael G. Aman, PhD
Gilbert S. Macvaugh, III, PsyD
Margaret Mehling, MA

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2015

Nancy Weiss, MSW
MN Governor's Council on Developmental
Disabilities
Eva M. Horn, PhD
Laura E. Gomez, PhD
Steven M. Eidelman, MSW, FAAIDD
Michael L. Wehmeyer, PhD, FAAIDD
Thomas Fish, PhD, FAAIDD
Lieke van Heumen, MS

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2014

Sheryl White Scott, MD
Julie Lounds Taylor, PhD
Jan Rosemergy, PhD
Claudia Claes, PhD
Positive Expose: The Spirit of Difference
Elise McMillan, JD
Dora Raymaker, MS

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2013

Geert Van Hove, PhD
Zachary E. Warren, PhD
Melanie H. Johnston, MA
Jos van Loon, PhD
Ann Cutler, MD
Vectors of Autism
Paul Yoder, PhD
Barbara Roos Brennan
Tangram
Grace Francis, MA

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2012

Clarence J. Suncham, JD
Katherine McDonald, PhD
Carolyn Hughes, PhD
Climent Giné, PhD
Robert Fletcher, MSW
Academy of Country Music Lifting Lives
Elisabeth Dykens, PhD
Mary Sweig Wilson, PhD
Sara Genevieve Sasnett
Rozemarijn Staal
Megan M. Griffin

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2011

Dennis W. Felty
Michelle S. Ballan, PhD
Joanne Wilkinson, MD, MSc
Heritage Christian Services
James M. Boles, EdD
Luigi Croce, MD
David L. Braddock, PhD
Breaking Shells
Roger J. Stancliffe, PhD
David H. J. Pavasko, DMD
Ron Peters
Scott M. Robertson, MS

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2010

Laura Lee McIntyre, PhD
Brian R. Bryant, PhD
HOPE Community Resources
Roy McConkey, PhD
David L. Coulter, MD
Gary W. LaVigna, PhD
Thomas J. Willis, PhD
Anthony DiSalvo
Wayne P. Silverman, PhD
Gary B. Mesibov, PhD
Emily Shea Obremski

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2009

Erik W. Carter, PhD
Yona J. Lunskey, PhD
Mian Wang, PhD
James R. Patton, EdD
Peter J. Mittler, PhD
Wendy M. Nehring, RN, PhD
Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company
Marsha Mailick Seltzer, PhD
John J. McGee, PhD
Judith M. S. Gross

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2008

Stephen Greenspan, PhD
Luc Lecavalier, PhD
Raymond Horn EdD (posthumously)
Hope House Foundation
Erna Alant, DPhil
Philip Ziring, MD
Steven F. Warren, PhD
Gary A. Smith (posthumously)

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Susan M. Havercamp, PhD
Wendy Machalicek

Special Award
Student Award

2007

Robert S. Laux
Wil H. Buntinx, PhD
"Body and Soul: Diana and Kathy"
Alice Elliott, Diana Braun, Kathleen Conour
Marc J. Tassé, PhD
James R. Thompson, PhD
Nina I. Zuna

Full Community Inclusion Award
International Award
Media Award

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Special Award
Student Award

2006

Best Buddies International
Ruth A. Luckasson, JD
Patricia Noonan Wash, PhD
The College of Direct Support
Dennis H. Reid, PhD
Michael W. Smull
Joseph A. Caldwell, PhD

Full Community Inclusion Award
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Media Award
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2005

Wilderness Inquiry
Miguel A. Verdugo, PhD
NYS Institute for Basic Research in DD
I. Leslie Rubin, MD
Karrie A. Shogren

Full Community Inclusion Award
International Award
Research Award
Service Award
Student Award

2004

Ofra Bikel
Marie Deans
Margaret E. Edds
Eric M. Freedman
Judge Martha A. Geer
Joseph M. Giarratano
Robert T. Hall
Kay Reed Mirick
Barry A. Weinsten
Gerald T. Zerk
Martha E. Snell, Ph.D.
Community Access Unlimited
J. David Smith, Ed.D.
Jean Vanier
James F. Gardner, Ph.D.
Chris Dickon
Carl J. Dunst, Ph.D.
Beth Mount, D.P.A.
Cathy Ficker Terrill
Paul T. Shattuck

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2003

David B. Schwartz, Ph.D.
Michael L. Wehmeyer, Ph.D.
Bengt Nirje
Nancy R. Thaler
Norman Kunc and Emma Van der Klift
 "Refrigerator Mothers"
 David E. Simpson, J.J. Hanley, Gordon Quinn
Steven Reiss, Ph.D.
Bernard R. Wagner, Ph.D.
Rae Temkin Edelosn

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Media Award

Research Award
Special Award
Special Award

2002

Robert H. Horner, Ph.D.
La Cumba, Independent Living
Elsie D. Helsel, Ph.D.
Robert L. Schalock, Ph.D.
Martha N. Beck, Ph.D.
Donald B. Bailey, Jr., Ph.D.
Derrick F. Dufresne
Special Olympics
 Healthy Athletes Program

Education Award
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2001

Marvin Fifield, Ed.D.
Neighbours, Inc.
Celia S. Feinstein, FAAM
Robert M. Gettings
Katherine Boo
Mitchell Zuckoff
Donald M. Baer, Ph.D.
Colleen A. Wieck, Ph.D.
Robert E. Cooke, M.D.
Clarence J. Sundram
Susan L. Parish

Education Award
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Student Award

2000

Marilyn J. Krajicek, Ed.D.
City of Seattle, Dept of Neighborhoods
Deborah M. Spitalnik, Ph.D.
Germain Weber, Ph.D.
Steven M. Eidelman
Joseph Shapiro
Todd R. Risley, Ph.D.
Joni Fritz
Duane R. Alexander, M.D.
Michelle Ballan

Education Award
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1999

KFI-Katahdin Friends, Inc.
K. Charles Lakin, Ph.D.
Nicole Rafter
Arie Rimmerman, Ph.D.
Alan R. Abeson, Ed.D.
Sharon L. Ramey, Ph.D.
Sylvia G. Escamilla
Mitchell Levitz
Christopher L. Coffin

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Student Award

1998

Horace Mann, Ph.D.
New Horizons North
Margaret J. Gould
Diane K. Coughlin
N. R. Kleinfeld
David L. Braddock, Ph.D.
Farouk M. Sadek, Ph.D.
David J. Green, M.D.

Education Award
Full Community Inclusion Award
Hervey B. Wilbur Historic Preservation Award
Leadership Award
Media Award
Research Award
Service Award
Special Award (posthumously)

1997

Gunnar Dybwad, J.D.
Monadnock Self-Determination Project
NYSARC, Inc.
H. Rutherford Turnbull, III
Don Aucoin
Steven J. Taylor, Ph.D.
Joel M. Levy, D.S.W.
Susan M. Havercamp

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Research Award
Service Award
Student Award

1996

Robert H. Bruininks, Ph.D.
Options for Individuals, Inc.
Dr. Stanley S. Herr
Herbert J. Cohen, M.D.
Stephen R. Schroeder, Ph.D.
Governor Mel Carnahan

Education Award
Full Community Inclusion Award
Humanitarian Award
Leadership Award
Research Award
Special Award

1995

Community Supported Living Program
Samuel Gridley Howe Library
James W. Trent, Jr.
James W. Ellis
Louis Rowitz
Larry Lamotte
Frank Sesno

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Humanitarian Award
Leadership Award
Media Award
Media Award

Travis I. Thompson, Ph.D.
Alan A. Manheim
Deborah Lagenbacher

Research Award
Service Award
Student Leadership Award

1994

Valerie J. Bradley
Ruth S. Roberts, Ph.D.
Michael J. Guralnick, Ph.D.
Eunice Kennedy Shriver

Leadership Award
Service Award
Research Award
Hervey B. Wilbur Historic Preservation Award

1993

William C. Gaventa, Rev.
Felix de la Cruz, M.D.
Elwyn Institute
Robert A. Perske, B.D.
Martha Perske
Matthew P. Janicki, Ph.D.
Elizabeth M. Boggs, Ph.D.
Mary E. Morningstar

Service Award
Research Award
Hervey B. Wilbur Historical Preservation Award
Humanitarian Award
Humanitarian Award
Leadership Award
Special Award
Student Award

1992

Allen C. Crocker, M.D.
Gunnar Dybwad, Ph.D.
Rosemary F. Dybwad, Ph.D.
Ruth A. Luckasson, J.D.
Hugo W. Moser, M.D.

Leadership Award
Special Award
Humanitarian Award
Service Award
Research Award

1991

Paul D. Cotten, Ph.D.
Martin S. Kivitz
Frank R. Rusch, Ph.D.
Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation

Service Award
Leadership Award
Education Award
Special Award

1990

Richard C. Scheerenberger, Ph.D.
Donald MacMillan, Ed.D.

Leadership Award
Education Award

1989

Jack J. Noone
Mortimer Garrison, Jr.
H. Carl Haywood, Ph.D.

Leadership Award
Leadership Award
Research Award

1988

Reginald L. Jones
Richard L. Masland

Education Award
Leadership Award

1987

Mike Wallace
Adam Bronfman
Steven Reiss

Presidential Award
Presidential Award
Leadership Award

1986

No Awards Given

1985

Burton Blatt
H. Carl Haywood
Henry Leland

Humanitarian Award (posthumously)
Leadership Award
Service Award

1984

No Awards Given

1983

Julia Molloy
Harry "Red" Foster

Education Award
Special Award

1982

Halbert and Nancy Robinson
Chris J. De Prosopo
Theodore D. Tjossem
Ida M. Higgenbotham
Majorie and Ed Bridges
Samuel Odum

Education Award
Leadership Award
Research Award
Service Award
Special Award
Student/Service Award

1981

Doris Haar
Harold Michal-Smith

Leadership Award
Service Award

1980

James F. Winschel
James D. Clements
Robert L. Erdman

Education Award
Leadership Award
Service Award

1979

Sue Allen Warren
Paul G. Rogers
David Rosen
Alfred A. Baumeister
Gershon Berkson
Camphill Villages, US
Margaret K. Weiers
Deborah M. Spitalnik

Education Award
Humanitarian Award
Leadership Award
Research Award
Research Award
Service Award
Special Award
Student Award

1978

Charles Carr Cleland
Hubert H. Humphrey
Wolf Wolfensberger
Bluma Tischler
Coates Stuckey
Francis P. Kelly

Education Award
Humanitarian Award
Leadership Award
Research Award
Service Award

1977

C. Edward Meyers
Jean François Paul Vanier
Leo F. Cain
Henry Van Zandt Cobb
Ann M. and Alan D. B. Clark
Edward Zigler
Horace Mann
Ronald J. Christie

Education Award
Humanitarian Award
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1976

James J. Gallagher
Bernard Posner
Eloisa Garcia DeLorenzo
Robert B. Edgerton
Josef Warkany
Herbert J. Grossman
David L. Bazelon
Arnold Gangnes

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1975

William Cruickshank
Leonard Mayo
Michael J. Begab
Michael Rutter
Herman Yannet
Richard Schiefelbusch

Education Award
Humanitarian Award
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Research Award
Service Award
Special Award

1974

I. Ignancy Goldberg
Burton Blatt
Muriel Humphrey
Pennsylvania ARC
G. Allan Roeher
Sidney W. Bijou
Lionel S. Penrose
Margaret J. Giannini
Mildred Thompson
Una Haynes
Seymour Sarason

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Humanitarian Award
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1973

George Peabody College
Eunice Kennedy Shriver
Harvey Stevens
Herbert Birch
Jack Tizard
Harry Gordon

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Humanitarian Award
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Research Award
Research Award
Service Award

1972

Rick F. Herber
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jeannette Rockefeller
Norman Ellis
Very Right Reverend Monsignor
Elmer H. Behrmann
Joesph Deacon
The Manitoba School,
Province of Manitoba
David Wechsler

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Service Award
Service Award

Service Award
Special Award

1971

Richard Hungerford
Clemens Benda
Raymond Philips
Whitney Young, Jr.

Leadership Award
Research Award
Service Award
Special Award