

# AACAP COMPONENT

**Nominations deadline: June 30, 2020**

The Assembly Catchers in the Rye Awards are the Assembly's most prestigious awards that recognize and promote advocacy for children. Each year, AACAP rewards an outstanding component (committee or task force) who exemplifies advocacy for children. In terms of the award:

*Advocacy is any activity done by an individual AACAP member, an AACAP component, or an AACAP regional organization on behalf of children and adolescents with mental health problems or for prevention efforts for children and adolescents at risk that directly benefits them or their families. For example, advocacy could include organizing mental health services for an underserved population, advocating for children and families politically, or enhancing the efforts of child and adolescent psychiatrists to provide high quality mental health services. This includes activities through the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.*



The award name was taken from Dr. John Schowalter's Presidential Address in which he alluded to J.D. Salinger's book and Holden Caulfield's response to what he wanted to be when he grew up . . .

*"I keep picturing all these little kids playing some game in this big field of rye and all. Thousands of little kids, and nobody's around -- nobody big, I mean -- except me.*

*And I am standing on the edge of some crazy cliff. What I have to do, I have to catch everybody if they start to go over the cliff."*

Nominations should include a brief paragraph describing the nominee's advocacy work. The Assembly selection committee—consisting of a Past Assembly Chair, one Delegate representative from each U.S. zone, an ECP Delegate, and a past recipient of the Catchers award (i.e. individual, committee member, or RO officer affiliated with the Assembly)—serves as the reviewing body that makes recommendations to the Assembly Executive Committee who makes the final decision. Awards will be presented at the Assembly meeting during AACAP's Annual Meeting in October 2020 in San Francisco, CA. Please submit your nomination form to:

AACAP Executive  
3615 Wisconsin Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
or email to [executive@aacap.org](mailto:executive@aacap.org)

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# 2020 Assembly Catchers Nomination Form: Component

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee advocated for children by *(select all that apply)*:

- Advocating for patients
- Advocating for the profession
- Supporting education, training, and career development
- Defining and supporting professional values
- Enhancing the scientific basis of psychiatric care
- Working to actively change legislation

I am nominating this component because . . .

Attached are supporting documents for this nomination.