

Name of Nominee	Title	Agency/ Affiliation	Name of Person Nominating	Title	Agency	Phone Number	Email	Lived worked in Rivco for at least 2 years?	Supports/ Advocates for young children and families in Rivco?	Has created dynamic change or longevity within Rivco?	Achievements: Quality Early Learning	Achievements: Comprehensive Health & Development	Achievements: Resilient Families
Dr. Ed Agas	Assistant Medical Director	American Academy of Pediatrics, Riverside County Medical Association	Erin Fairfax	Not listed	Mission Pediatrics	951-852-0925	erin@missionpediatrics.com	Yes: Has worked as a pediatrician in Riverside County since 2017	Yes: He is also nicknamed the "Baby Whisperer" as he is known to sing, dance, and even dress in costume to put very young children at ease during medical visits. Also, His dedication to data-driven healthcare is evident in his meticulous collection and analysis of key metrics, ensuring timely and comprehensive care for all patients.	Yes: A His proactive efforts helped establish the chronic patient clinic, expanding access to specialized care for vulnerable populations. Dr. Agas's commitment to medical education shines through his mentorship of residents and medical students, while his engagement with the broader community includes training EMT and paramedic students. He advocates for performance-based measures to foster a culture of continuous improvement within the practice. He was instrumental in the implementation of a new electronic medical record (EMR) system, which includes a revamped scheduling and check-in process. Dr. Agas demonstrates a holistic approach to pediatric care.		Dr. Agas has led several efforts within the practice aimed at enhancing vaccination rates, addressing the needs of individuals with adverse social determinants of health, and advocating for patients with neurodevelopmental disorders and medically fragile pediatric patients. Spearheaded the implementation of comprehensive screening protocols for Pediatric Adverse Childhood Events and Related-Life-Events, addressing crucial aspects of children's well-being. mid the COVID-19 pandemic, his exceptional leadership facilitated the development of robust protocols, enabling the practice to continue providing essential care safely.	
Lacy Hughes	Regional Program Director	Family Service Association	Teri Robinson	Not listed	Family Service Association	951-722-6270	teri.robinson@fsaca.org	Yes: Has worked in Child Development with FSACA for 15 years and has held NACYE accreditation for 10 years.	Yes: Demonstrates compassion while firmly achieving the goals of health and safety for the youngest of children. Oversaw the support of 5,525 families during her time as Director at the Olivewood Child Development Center. Oversaw 3 separate preschool sessions	No	During her time as a Director at the Olivewood Child Development Center she elevated her team to a Tier 5 rating under the Quality Rating Improvement System		2022 Woman of Distinction in CA Assembly District 60; works as a trainer to prevent child abuse and keep families together.
Helena Lopez	Chief Executive Officer & President	Greater Hope Foundation for Children	Jessi Maurice	Development Manager	Greater Hope Foundation for Children	760-718-5021	jmaurice@gahope.org	Yes: Has been with Greater Hope Foundation for Children since she launched it 22 years ago. Opened a Riverside County Office in 2015	Yes: Under Helena's leadership A Greater Hope has grown to five locations with multiple programs. Since 2002, more than 6,000 children have found loving homes at A greater Hope.	Yes: A Greater Hope provides foster care, adoption, supervised visitation and Live Scan services. While A Greater Hope serves all of Riverside County, Helena focuses on combating the longstanding geographic bias, which leaves rural communities such as Banning, Beaumont and Bonnie Bell underserved and under-resourced. In addition, Helena has worked to ensure Black and Biracial youth in the child welfare system receive appropriate hair and skin care. Helena developed and openly shares a guide for naturally curly and textured hair care. Helena also led the planning of a series of special events across the county to empower and educate child welfare staff, resource/foster parents and caregivers to "nurture the unique hair care needs of foster children." Helena secured vendors and donors for the events, ensuring the Healthy Crownz Hair Care Resource Fair was a resounding success.			Serves as the president of the IE AFFA, Helena volunteers more than 10 hours each week, answering questions from AFFA members, compiling legislative updates, connecting with officials at the County
Sarah Nolan	Program Manager	Healthy Steps	Shanna L. Wilson	Clinical Improvement Coordinator	Rady Children's Hospital	559-307-6713	swilson@rchsd.org	Yes: Has been with Rady Children's Hospital since 2017 and Program Manager of HealthySteps in Riverside since 2018	Yes: She has a clear understanding of what has impact and long-lasting positive gains for families by addressing concerns and providing universal social-emotional screenings and caregiver wellness for families with babies and young children 0-5.	Yes: Sarah recognizes that the work of the program (HealthySteps) is best done in collaboration with others which is why she works hard to develop strong relationships with community leaders such as Jessica Munoz the Director of Voices for Children, Riverside County's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. Together they created a streamlined referral process that helps ensure foster children have better access to recommended medical, developmental and behavioral care... For more than a year Sarah and her team worked with consultants, key stakeholders, and First 5 to roll out an integrated documentation and reporting system. This effort allows for components of care funded by First 5 to be shifted over to an individual's health plan under Dyadic Care and/or Community Health Worker benefits. Over 14,000 families have been served to date.		Under Sarah's guidance, the Murrieta and Temecula HealthySteps programs met fidelity each year of implementation and the Hemet program was approaching fidelity within a few months of operation. Sarah and her team are dedicated to making the greatest impact they can for both families and providers. Since July 2021, 98% of caregivers surveyed identified their service as excellent and of the providers surveyed 100% responded strongly agreeing that HealthySteps has positively impacted the ability of clinical staff to meet children's developmental and behavioral needs.	Through her collaboration with the HealthySteps National Office and Manat Health, an expanded Return on Investment (ROI) calculator was developed to demonstrate Medicaid cost savings related to implementation of the HealthySteps model. For FY22-23, data demonstrated a \$1.67 to Medi-Cal for every \$1.00 invested in HealthySteps. As part of Sarah's commitment to sustainability, she has used innovation and advocacy to give families easy access to screenings, referrals, and follow up.
Irving Pena Monroy	Aquatics Director	Corona-Norco Family YMCA	Lori Drenson	Community & Project Specialist	YMCA Corona-Norco	951-736-1415 323-313-4832	ldrenson@ymcacorner.org	Yes: has been with Corona-Norco Family YMCA for the last 2 years	Yes: Irving is committed to teaching children in Riverside County necessary life skills to prevent drowning. He trains the staff, including Swim Lesson Instructors and Lifeguards to ensure everyone is safe while in the programs and has built the culture of safety first in all that is done at the pool. He connects families to the best class for their children to learn based on their skills, needs, and goals. He also connects families with a variety of funding options so that no one is turned away for lack of ability to pay for lessons. He is always near the pool talking with parents, encouraging nervous kids, and supporting staff so they can offer the best experience for the families. When needed he does not hesitate to jump in the pool and teach a class, so no one misses out. Parents that are trusting this facility to care for their children report feeling comforted that Irving is present and engaged, and kids love to see him when they arrive for their lessons.	Yes: Irving launched a new Safety Around Water and Swim Lesson Program for the Corona-Norco Family YMCA in 2022. His efforts to ensure the Y offers a quality program has helped the Y to secure multiple grants to continue offering free or reduced fee lessons for the next two years.	Irving has led a program that provided over 3000 swim lessons in 2023. His efforts to connect families with funding for swim lessons has resulted in over 1900 swim lessons provided free of charge in 2023.		Irving has recruited at least 5 parents to be champions of their program that share our progress with local City Governments, provide testimonials needed to apply for additional grant funding, and that offer support to other families in their programs.