



## 2019 State Award Winners by Unit

### **Big Bend**

AARP – Agency of the Year  
Public Citizen of the Year – Charles P. Rabaut, Jr.  
Social Worker of the Year – Christine Didion  
Social Work Educator of the Year – Carol Edwards, LCSW  
Social Work Student of the Year – Kathryn Casello

### **Broward**

Social Work Student of the Year – Taryn Jaramillo, LCSW, DSW Candidate  
Social Work Educator of the Year – David Wohlsifer, PhD, LCSW

### **Central**

Public Citizen of the Year – Elizabeth Lane

### **Emerald Coast**

Elected Official of the Year - Jenna Haligas  
Elected Official of the Year - Margo Anderson  
Social Worker of the Year - Judith Wade, BSW  
Student Social Worker of the Year - Megan Luhring  
Public Citizen of the Year - Dr. Reese  
Public Citizen of the Year - Mara Harrison

### **Heartland**

Social Worker of the Year – Sandra Marra

### **Lake/Sumter**

Social Worker of the Year – Pat Hayes

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### **Miami-Dade Unit**

Social Worker of the Year - Scarlett Blandon  
Social Worker of the Year - Kristi House  
Student Social Worker of the Year - Cassandra Tenzer, MSW  
Social Work Educator of the Year - Fabio Naranjo  
Elected Official of the Year - Daniella Levine Cava  
Public Citizen of the Year - Jonathan Fried, We Count  
Agency of the Year - Seasons Hospice  
Lifetime Achievement - Phyllis Scott, Barry University

### **Northeast Unit**

Social Worker of the Year – Tracye Polson  
Student Social Worker of the Year – Wendy Campbell  
JJ Daniel Award for Social Work with Children - Kimberlie Green, BS  
Michael R. Wilson Award for Social Justice - Nikki Runion

### **Northwest Unit**

Social Work Student of the Year – Isabel Teller  
Social Work Educator of the Year - Kristy M. Durkin, PHD, MSW, LCSW  
Agency of the Year: Mainstay Financial Group  
Public Citizen of the Year: Quint Studer  
Social Worker of the Year: Monica Koettters, MSW

### **Palm Beach Unit**

Social Worker of the Year - Julie Swindler, LCSW  
Public Citizen of the Year - Melissa Smith Mau  
Social Work Student of the Year - Haidiee Cano  
Social Work Educator of the Year - Heather Howard  
Social Work Student of the Year - Brian Denoto BSW

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### **Southwest Unit**

Social Worker of the Year: Samira Beckwith  
Social Work Student of the Year - Kelsey Hedberg  
Social Work Educator of the Year - Dr. Lirio Negroni  
Public Citizen of the Year – Geoff Moser  
Public Citizen of the Year – Neil Volz

### **Space Coast Unit**

Social Worker of the Year – J. Oscar Rivera, MSW, LCSW  
Elected Official of the Year – Councilwoman Angela Raymond  
Public Citizen of the Year – Rev. Nathaniel Harris

### **Tampa Bay Unit**

Public Citizen of the Year - Brittany Defiore  
Social Work Student of the Year - Gioia Harman  
Social Worker of the Year - Amy Trussell, LCSW

### **Treasure Coast Unit**

Social Worker of the Year - Candice Rasa LCSW, IET, CJDG  
Student of the Year - Mary Lois Altmann  
Agency of the Year - Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County

### **Volusia-Flagler Unit**

Public Citizen of the Year - Mark Geallis  
Social Worker of the Year - Kian F. Jacobs, LCSW  
Elected Official of the Year - Sheriff Mikael J. Chitwood  
Social Worker of the Year - Elizabeth A. Ferguson, LCSW, CAP, MEd

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