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 Koetters, 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