The Keith A. Miller Award

The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities has dedicated our annual award to the founder of this center, Dr. Keith A. Miller. Dr. Miller worked for many years at the University of Wyoming in Social Work before he began laying the groundwork for a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) in 1986. After several years of planning, the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities was officially launched in November of 1994, and Dr. Miller served as the director until his retirement in 2007.

Keith A. Miller built his career upon the philosophy that everyone should help communities become more welcoming to and supportive of people with disabilities. It is Dr. Miller’s spirit of dedication and desire for excellence in being “a force fighting for people with disabilities” that has inspired the Keith A. Miller Award.

The award will be presented at the annual MEGA Conference.
AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

Nominations accepted each year from May 1 through August 1

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Keith A. Miller Award is presented annually to a person who makes a powerful difference in the lives of people with disabilities in any way. The following list is not meant to be exhaustive, but may provide ideas about qualities to look for in potential nominees:

- Dedicated volunteer work;
- Exceptional service on panels and committees or in non-profits and agencies;
- Key leadership in advocacy for people with disabilities;
- Notable accomplishments impacting policy or systems at local, state or national levels;
- Extraordinary family members and/or caregivers;
- Any other commitment to improving experiences or opportunities for the disability community.

Nominations must include the Nomination form as well as a letter of support containing the following information:

- How long and in what capacity you have known the nominee;
- An explanation of why the nominee deserves the award;
- Overall impact of the nominee’s service or work in developmental disabilities.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Nominations can be submitted by postal mail or E-mail:

By postal mail: Please submit this nomination form with your letter of support to:

Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND)
University of Wyoming
Attn: Keith A. Miller Award Committee
Dept. 4298
1000 E. University, Laramie, WY 82071

By E-mail: An online nomination form is available at www.uwyo.edu/wind/award. Please E-mail the form and letter of support to wind-information@uwyo.edu.

* All nominations must be received by August 1.