



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS

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# Impact Awards

Nominate a colleague by July 24!

## Awards Overview & Qualifications

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Impact Awards recognize exceptional public health practitioners, state, tribal, and territorial health departments, and partners.

Eligible nominees must be NACDD Members listed in our Member roster (with the exception of the Joseph W. Cullen Award). To be an NACDD Member, you must be a public health professional working in chronic disease prevention and control. More information on NACDD Membership is available at [chronicdisease.org/page/membership-overview](https://chronicdisease.org/page/membership-overview).

Recipients will be announced in September 2026.



**Nominations are due July 24, 2026.** You may nominate yourself.



**Nomination form:**  
<https://ow.ly/Fmhm50Zgq9H>

## Award Categories

### Community Impact Award

(Individual or Team)  
NACDD offers this award for an individual and/or a Chronic Disease Unit that has made a significant impact or achieved significant influence in a community related to chronic disease prevention and control.

### Chronic Disease Innovator Award

Awarded to a state, tribal, or territorial Chronic Disease Unit that demonstrates an innovative approach to reducing the burden of chronic disease prevention and control.

### Health for All Award

(Individual or Team)  
Presented to an individual or team whose work has expanded access to preventive health services and chronic disease programs for populations that have historically experienced challenges in engaging with public health systems. This award celebrates practical approaches that promote broader participation and improved health for individuals across varied communities and settings.

### Rising Star Award

Awarded to an individual staff member in a state, tribal, or territorial Chronic Disease Unit who is not a director and who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and innovation.

### Mentor Award

Awarded to an outstanding chronic disease prevention and control professional who has guided, supported, and promoted the training and career development of other chronic disease prevention and control practitioners working in a state, tribal, or territorial health department. Nominees should have a sustained record of mentoring and nominators must be mentees of the nominee or colleagues who have personal knowledge of the nominee's mentoring efforts.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Awarded to a current or former Chronic Disease Director of a state, tribal, or territorial health department whose career has contributed to reducing the burden of chronic disease in the United States.

### Joseph W. Cullen Excellence Award

Awarded to an individual or organization outside the traditional public health field who has made outstanding contributions in the field of chronic disease.

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