Congratulations!

2025 REGION VII AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Rafel O. Hart

Educare of Omaha, Inc. (NE)

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Heather McLain

Educare of Omaha, Inc. (NE)

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Sandy Johnson

NEICAC Head start (IA)

FAMILY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Celina Flores

Central MO Community Action (MO)

FAMILY LEADER OF THE YEAR

Clarissa Reimers

Tri-County Head Start (IA)

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mary Sauter

Mary Sauter's Pay It Forward (IA)

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IOWA | KANSAS | MISSOURI | NEBRASKA

Recipients will be recognized at a special awards brunch June 10th at the 2025 R7HSA Annual Conference.

TOM MAYER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Erika Fink

Nebraska Department of Education
and Nebraska Department of HHS (NE)

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HEAD START ALUMNI HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Lorance "Pete" Davis

Franklin Public School (NE)

HEAD START PARENT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Kayla Svoboda

St. Paul Early Head Start/Sixpence (NE)

HEAD START STAFF HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Tarynne Poe

NEK-CAP, Inc. (KS)

STATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONS

IOWA STATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Sheila Hansen

Common Good Iowa

MISSOURI STATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Dr. Karrie Snider

University of Central Missouri

KANSAS STATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Donna Hudson-Hamilton

Early Childhood Connections

NEBRASKA STATE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

Christie Ference

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