AASD 2016 Distinguished Service Awards
Transformation for a New Generation

Award 1: AASD Distinguished Service Award – Organization
Increasingly, the SNAP program directors work with private, non-profit organizations to achieve program goals. AASD recognizes the importance of this collaboration to improve program access and ultimately the nutritional health of our most vulnerable citizens. AASD would like to recognize an outstanding organization with a proven track record of sustained interest in, and advocacy for SNAP, by working in a collaborative way with the multiple partners serving the SNAP population.

Criteria
1. Demonstrates a sustained commitment to supporting and advancing SNAP
2. Has a meaningful, positive impact on SNAP policy and/or practice
3. The nomination packet should include documentation as to the organization’s impact
4. The organization’s project should be replicable

Award 2: AASD Distinguished Service Award – State
AASD wishes to recognize a state that is leading in innovation whether it is in process reengineering, system changes, improved customer services, collaborative partnerships, and/or customer outcomes.

Criteria
1. The state should have implemented a unique and innovative initiative
2. The state’s initiative is achieving positive results
3. The nomination packet should include documentation of positive impacts
4. The initiative should be replicable for other states

Award 3: AASD Distinguished Service Award – Individual
AASD wishes to recognize a local or state SNAP director who has been the voice of change, providing innovative leadership that promotes sound policies and practices.

Criteria
1. Demonstrates a commitment to advancing and advocating for SNAP
2. Has made a significant contribution to SNAP in terms of leadership, new ideas, and/or service delivery
3. The individual’s leadership and/or advocacy should have resulted in benefits, gains or process improvements
4. The nomination packet should include documentation of the individual’s leadership and his/her impact

Nomination Process and Deadline
Any person may submit a nomination. There is no limit to the number of nominations a person or organization may submit. A separate nomination form for each nomination must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM EST on Monday, October 10, 2016.