

PBS KIDS Announces 2023 Early Learning Champions



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Program Celebrates 14 Early Childhood Educators and Service Providers

Arlington, VA, October 4, 2023 – Today, [PBS KIDS](#) named 14 early education professionals as the [2023 honorees](#) of the PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions program. The awards, established in 2018, recognize and celebrate passionate educators who work with the nation's youngest students, from infants to second graders. Through the Early Learning Champions program, PBS KIDS and local PBS stations surround educators with professional learning and networking opportunities.

The PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions program, which has recognized 52 passionate educators of young children since its inception, including this year's honorees, includes various early learning educators, including Pre-K and special education teachers; childcare center owners and directors; librarians and family literacy specialists; community and parent educators; and school counselors. The program represents the diverse community impacting young learners today. Supported by the CPB-PBS Ready To Learn Initiative, this year's cohort will work on national co-design projects, such as professional development resources for educators, and everyday learning resources for families while also supporting Learning Neighborhood work across the country.

PBS KIDS and local PBS stations will also provide support in skill-building within the classroom, in-person and at-home, while encouraging these professionals to seek out their own personal and professional trajectories. These Early Learning Champions will also connect with education networks across the nation, and further their commitments to their community's families, education officials, and administrators through the utilization of PBS KIDS and local PBS stations tools and resources.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES.

This year's honorees were chosen for their passion and devotion to early education, strengthening the ecosystem in which children learn and innovating the teaching experience as we know it.

The 2023 PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions and their local PBS stations include:

- Jennifer Sullivan (Arizona PBS)
- Wendy LaMarr (DPTV)
- Christina Harris (GBH)
- Marla Howard (GPB)
- Molly Clark (Idaho PBS)
- Gabi Barragan (KBTC)
- Dagmar Morales (KET)
- Sharna Johnson (Lakeland PBS)
- Crystal Music (Montana PBS)
- Nancy Duran (PBS SoCal)
- Pamela Hamlin (WETA)
- Alison Loewen (Wisconsin PBS)
- Jennifer Ramos (WFSU)
- Jennifer Ford (WQED)

About PBS KIDS

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