Juvenile Welfare Board
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DILLINGER-McCABE AWARD
PAST WINNERS

Keli Mondello | 2026 Winner



For more than three decades, Keli Mondello has exemplified leadership, system improvement, and a deep commitment to children in Pinellas County, particularly those who are most vulnerable. In 2013, recognizing a systemic gap in services for students with neurodiversity, Keli co-founded Learning Independence for Tomorrow (LiFT). Beginning with a $500 bank account, five volunteers, and donated furniture in rented church classrooms, LiFT has grown under her leadership into a nationally recognized nonprofit and school, serving more than 200 students annually, supported by more than 45 staff members and a $6 million budget.

G. Scott Goyer | 2025 Winner



G. Scott Goyer's leadership with the Suncoast YMCA spanned more than two decades and has forever changed countless lives. Goyer built systems with lasting impact and value, and was involved on numerous local, state, and national task forces to address drowning prevention, achievement gaps, and child sexual abuse prevention. Goyer fought to bring a national model to Pinellas County for child sexual abuse prevention. He ensured children of underserved communities had access to free water safety and swim lessons and was instrumental in launching a regional “Be Water Smart from the Start” drowning prevention campaign, in partnership with the Tampa Bay Rays.

Carol Cook | 2024 Winner



School Board member Carol Cook’s commitment to the children of Pinellas and Florida spans five decades. She actively supported education long before she was elected to the School Board: first as a teacher and as a dedicated PTA member and leader at her child’s school. Her experience grew into districtwide leadership as president of the Pinellas County Council of PTAs. She moved on to statewide leadership as a member of the Florida PTA Board of Directors for nine years. During her School Board service, she focused on improving academic outcomes for all students, expanding choices for families, and creating a culture of inclusion. She has held numerous positions on advisory boards and committees related to education and families.

Ray Hensley | 2023 Winner



Ray Hensley’s decades of leadership and dedication to young children and their families through the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas are unparalleled, and his impact on the community is undeniable. He spearheaded numerous evidence-based programs aimed at preventing infant mortality, abuse, neglect, and promoting child well-being. He was a tireless champion for the underserved and oppressed and widely regarded as an expert in the field of maternal health. Hensley’s integration of fatherhood services into home visiting and prevention programs set the standard for the rest of the industry. Ray challenged norms for the good of children and did it all with a million-dollar smile!