

# WSPTA State-Level Awards

## FRIEND OF CHILDREN RECIPIENT LIST

The WSPTA Friend of Children Award recognizes and honors an individual or organization for state-level dedication to all children through service aligned with WSPTA's vision and mission supporting the welfare, health, safety and/or education of Washington state's children.

2025 – Senator Lisa Wellman and Be SMART for Kids Washington	2000 – Governor Gary Locke
2024 – Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos	1998 – Dr. Larry Swift
2023 – Washington Community Engagement	1997 – Dr. Terry Bergenson
2022 – Representative Laurie Dolan	1996 – Washington Mutual
2021 – Office of Education Ombuds	1996 – Marc Gaspard
2020 – Representative Pat Sullivan	1994 – KLSY's Teddy Bear Patrol
2018 – Senator Christine Rolfes	1992 – Senator Cliff Bailey
2017 – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	
2015 – Tom Ahearne	
2013 – Mary Jean Ryan	
2012 – Stephanie and Matthew McCleary & Family	
2011 – Representative Marcie Maxwell	
2011 – Representative Bruce Dammeier	
2010 – Representative Pat Sullivan	
2010 – Representative Skip Priest	
2009 – Representative Ruth Kagi	
2008 – Attorney General Rob McKenna	
2007 – Lisa McFarlane	
2006 – Senator Rosemary McAuliffe	
2006 – Representative Dave Quall	
2005 – Senator Patty Murray	
2004 – Pamela Eakes	
2003 – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	
2002 – The Children's Alliance	
2001 – Christine Gregoire	
2001 – Partnership for Learning	