

# NEW HAVEN REGISTER

## Connecticut child advocacy group honors Yale doctor among others with Champion of Children award

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The Center for Children's Advocacy, a Connecticut nonprofit that protects the legal rights of abused and neglected children, has announced the recipients of this year's Champion of Children award, according to a release. Recognized for their ongoing commitment to improving the lives of the state's most vulnerable and at-risk children and youth, this year's recipients are:

**DR. JOHN LEVENTHAL, PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS, YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE;  
AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR, CHILD ABUSE PROGRAMS AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, YALE-  
NEW HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Leventhal has served as an expert consultant to Connecticut's child protective service agencies, and has led efforts to bring child abuse and neglect prevention programs to Yale University School of Medicine and Yale-New Haven Hospital, the release states. With more than 30 years of experience in child abuse and neglect, he is recognized nationally for his research in child maltreatment and is a devoted advocate for vulnerable children and families.

"We are honored to present Dr. Leventhal with this year's award," said Jay Sicklick, director of the Center's Medical-Legal Partnership, in the release. "Dr. Leventhal is a dedicated physician who has spent his career working on behalf of the state's vulnerable children, and his work creates the programs that provide safety for those most at risk. He is a leader in the field and we are proud to work with a national expert who has reached the pinnacle of his profession."

**MAUREEN PRICE-BORELAND, ATTORNEY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION**

Price-Boreland has extensive experience with the state's juvenile justice system and has been a leader in the development of alternatives to incarceration in Connecticut, the release states. She has led the way for major reforms in juvenile justice policies and has consistently been a voice for the most disadvantaged youth in our poorest communities.

"Attorney Price-Boreland's work is integral to the future success of youth at risk of involvement with the state's juvenile justice system, as well as those who are incarcerated," said Martha Stone in the release. "It is crucial to provide services that keep children in the least restrictive setting and help our communities support at-risk youth."

**DR. NINA LIVINGSTON, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, HARTFORD REGIONAL CHILD ABUSE SERVICES: SCAN PROGRAM AT CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, GREATER HARTFORD CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER AT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER**

Livingston directs the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, providing comprehensive medical and psychosocial care to children who have experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse or neglect, the release states.

"Dr. Livingston leads a team that is a critical resource for staff who suspect abuse or neglect in pediatric patients

receiving care,” said Bonnie Roswig, senior staff attorney with the Center for Children’s Advocacy Medical-Legal Partnership, in the release. “In addition to interventions for abused or neglected children, the team educates medical staff and coordinates support with community organizations. Dr. Livingston has worked tirelessly to educate the next generation of pediatricians in recognizing and treating victims of abuse.”

“The support provided to children and youth by these very dedicated advocates is critical,” said Martha Stone, executive director of the Center for Children’s Advocacy, in the release. “Our partnerships with organizations throughout the state serve children in the poorest communities. Together, we help children suffering from abuse or neglect, from lack of adequate supports and without a safe place to live. The Center’s Champion of Children Award recipients have worked tirelessly to provide the opportunity all children deserve — to be safe, healthy, and look forward to a secure future.”

The Champion of Children awards reception will be held May 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 pm at the Mark Twain House and Museum on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. The guest host for the evening will be Erika Arias from FOX CT.

To purchase tickets, email [jrodriguez@kidscounsel.org](mailto:jrodriguez@kidscounsel.org), call Johany Rodriguez at 860-570-5327, or go to the Center for Children’s Advocacy website at [www.kidscounsel.org](http://www.kidscounsel.org).