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Family Friendly Workplace Nominations are being accepted

(Fairbanks, AK) The Fairbanks North Star Borough's Early Childhood Development Commission (ECDC) is again accepting nominations from employees for the Family Friendly Workplace Awards. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, April 8.

Businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations can be nominated by following the Family Friendly Workplace link on the Fairbanks North Star Borough's (FNSB) website at www.fnsb.us. Nominations forms can also be obtained by calling 459-1287.

"Our community is blessed with employers who recognize the importance of the family life of their employees" states FNSB Mayor Karl Kassel, a great supporter of the awards program. "Most employers recognize when employees are able to balance work and family, the workplace becomes happier and more productive."

ECDC Chair Brenda Riley is constantly amazed by the different ways employers support employees. "The stories that the employees tell about the cool things their employers do for them are amazing. They don't have to be things that cost the employer a lot of money, but they mean the world to the employees."

Past examples of stories include employees who are allowed to work from home with a sick child, to opening an on-site daycare. "They really run the gamut of simple to extravagant but all are important because it shows the employee that the employer cares. It's simple but creates a happier workplace" added Riley.

In the 14 years of the program, Over 325 different employers have been nominated, with funding for the program coming mainly from past nominees, with no Borough funds used.

Mayor Kassel will present plaques to the winning businesses at the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce luncheon on April 19. All nominees will receive a certificate and a decal that can be placed on their office door or window to show everyone that the business is a family friendly work place.

The ECDC seeks to educate and advocate on issues relating to early childhood development and school readiness. Besides the Family Friendly Workplace Awards, ECDC projects include the launch of Imagination Library, Fairbanksfamilies.com, and the Fairbanks Families Health Fair, the area's only health fair for children birth to eight years old.

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