



Montana, Illinois, and New Jersey earn national recognition with inaugural CATCH® Awards for Excellence in Health

The CATCH® Awards for Excellence in Health (CATCH Awards) are a new national distinction to be given annually in recognition of exemplary efforts to promote and support health and wellness locally through the CATCH Program. In addition to providing well-deserved recognition, the CATCH Awards are intended to provide a platform to spotlight local achievements that may serve as models for success across the nation.

The inaugural CATCH Award winners are:

- **CATCH® Award for Excellence in Community Health: Providence St. Patrick Hospital** (Missoula, Montana)
- **CATCH® Award for Excellence in Regional Health: Illinois CATCH onto Health! Consortium** (Illinois Delta Region)
- **CATCH® Award for Excellence in State Health: New Jersey YMCA Healthy U Initiative** (New Jersey)

CATCH has enabled thousands of schools and communities to create environments that improve children’s health, increase academic success, and support a lifetime of wellness. The CATCH Award winners have distinguished themselves among the more than 10,000 CATCH sites across the United States through:

- 1) Positive, demonstrable health impacts among those they serve;
- 2) Exceptionally high standards for fidelity of program implementation; and,
- 3) Continued dedication to sustain programmatic efforts across multiple years.

The CATCH Awards are given in three categories, based on geographic footprint and scope of work with CATCH:

- **Community:** delivers CATCH programming directly to local children and families.
- **Regional:** oversees CATCH program delivery across multiple communities within an expanded geographic area.
- **State:** coordinates CATCH implementation with multiple partner organizations to serve large and diverse populations across an entire state.

In recognition of their service, each of the CATCH Award winners will get to select a new school or site to receive a scholarship to implement the CATCH Program. This may include free training, curriculum, materials, and technical support. The winners will also receive the “CATCH GO Bowl” trophy, which can be filled with healthy “GO” foods. Awards are presented by CATCH Global Foundation and Flaghouse, Inc.

More information about the awardees and their achievements will be posted over the coming months on the CATCHinfo.org website and social media platforms.