



IACP Executive of the Year 2023 Announced

Coralville, Iowa – May 11, 2023: Every year, IACP recognizes an outstanding executive of an IACP member organization with the IACP Executive of the Year. This award recognizes an individual who has devoted their career to serving community providers and their clients, and in doing so, has propelled IACP's mission and vision forward.

IACP's Executive of the Year 2023 was awarded to Bill Vaughn, CEO of Mainstream Living in Ames. With what started as a curious response to an ad in the newspaper for Mainstream Living 43 years ago, Bill began his career as a direct support professional. Since then, he has helped to fearlessly lead Mainstream Living to the well-oiled machine that it is today, which provides services to nearly 500 people daily, services four counties; Story, Polk, Dallas and Boone, and employs a staff of over 500 people.

Bill is a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) with a master's degree from the University of Iowa and a bachelor's degree from Iowa State. Bill was the first Executive Director of Community Support Advocates (CSA), a pilot developed with Mainstream Living, The Homestead (now Balance Autism), and Progress Industries. Under his leadership and ability to help navigate multiple leaders, CSA is now a thriving separate organization. Bill also has long been a surveyor with CARF, led multiple IACP committees, served as IACP board chair, and has been a treasured mentor and friend to IACP's CEO, Shelly Chandler.

When Bill isn't working, you can find him riding his bike in preparation for RAGBRAI, caring for his Victorian home, hanging out with his grandson, and sharing wild stories with his friends (not at the same time!). Bill's smile, drive, deep care for others, and demeanor are greatly cherished in every room he enters. Iowa's human services industry has been greatly impacted by Bill Vaughn, and for that, we are so grateful.

About IACP

IACP has been relentlessly advocating on behalf of mental health and disability service providers for more than 35 years. They partner with over 125 community-based organizations to provide a wide range of resources to ensure provider needs are being met. IACP's services impact organizations located in all 99 counties that annually contribute \$1.3 billion to Iowa's economy.