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## **Craig's List: The Best of Family Policy in 2021**

*Family Policy Alliance names the best pro-family efforts of 2021*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – Family Policy Alliance today announced its 2021 “Craig’s (Best) List” award winners, awarded to the best pro-family states and legislative efforts of 2021. This follows last week’s Craig’s (Worst) List, “awarded” to the most concerning policy moves for families.

“Craig’s List,” named for Family Policy Alliance CEO Craig DeRoche, is designed to honor the hard-fought victories of pro-family leaders around the country – and build public awareness for more concerning policies.



**DeRoche congratulated the award winners: “Congratulations to each of the 2021 Craig’s List recipients! In the midst of a challenging year for our nation, people in these states showed up, spoke out, and made a difference for their families. Well done.”**

**Meridian Baldacci, Policy and Communications Strategist at Family Policy Alliance, said of the awards:**

**“In the year of COVID, a contentious election, civil unrest, and global crises, Americans worked hard to protect their families. At Family Policy Alliance, our vision is a nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. And this year, against all odds and by the grace of God, we saw many state leaders and advocates move us closer to making that vision a reality. And that’s important, because the Biden Administration and progressive leaders in Congress want to push a radical agenda on the states. But the states are pushing back. From the salient school choice victories, to a wave of #SaveGirlsSports laws, to the groundbreaking child safety protections in Arkansas, real America is standing up. And that deserves to be celebrated.”**

The top award, **“Most Pro-Family State of the Year,”** went to **Montana** in recognition of its numerous pro-family victories. Among them were a #SaveGirlsSports law to protect female athletes, tax credit education scholarships, and several pro-life protections including preventing abortions when the baby is capable of feeling pain. The state also achieved important victories for parental rights and religious freedom.

The **“Groundbreaking Family Policy Award”** was given to **Arkansas** for their first-in-the-nation child safety law that protects children from dangerous transgender interventions. These interventions, which can have damaging and irreversible effects, include puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and mutilating surgeries.

**“Defensive Player of the Year”** was awarded to **New Jersey** for the work of individuals in the state who stood strong to prevent the governor’s radical abortion proposal from becoming law. If it became law, the proposal would allow abortion up to birth, and permit out-of-state visitors to obtain free abortions if they could not afford it. The latter provision would open the door for human traffickers to obtain taxpayer-funded abortions for young girls.

**“Offensive Player of the Year”** was given to **Iowa** for its many pro-family wins. Among these were an important pro-life win in court and another in the legislature, expanded school choice tax credits, a safeguard preventing critical race theory from being taught as a fact in schools, and a measure ensuring parents who choose public school may send their children to the public school of their choice.

The full list of awards can be found here. Other awards and awardees include the “Best Team Effort” (Virginia), “Cherishing Life Award” (Arizona), “Facing the Giants Award” (Florida), “Defending Religious Freedom Award” (Kansas), “Wide Open Future School Choice Award” (West Virginia), and the “Save Girls’ Sports Award” (awarded to the states who passed #SaveGirlsSports laws).

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