



THE DIVISION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

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DEC Recognizes Glen Dunlap

Glen Dunlap, Ph.D. is the 2010 recipient of the Mary McEvoy Service to the Field Award in recognition of significant and lasting contributions to the fields of early intervention and early childhood special education.

Glen is a research professor at the University of South Florida. He has been involved with the field for thirty years.

He is most proud of his role in establishing Florida's Center on Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), his role in establishing positive behavior support, including the Association for Positive Behavior Support (APBS), and his role in founding the Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions.

Glen would like to "help establish systems (e.g., statewide systems) of integrated, empirically-based supports for children and families affected by challenging behavior and severe problems in social-emotional development."

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) is one of seventeen divisions of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted.

DEC and its members are committed to promoting parent-professional collaboration in all facets of planning, designing, and implementing early childhood intervention services. In addition, DEC advocates for policy, planning and best practice in prevention and intervention. DEC supports full access for young children with special needs and their families to natural settings and service delivery options. Respect for family values, diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and family circumstance are integral considerations in DEC's prevention and intervention efforts. Finally, DEC supports those who work with or on behalf of infants and young children with special needs and their families. For more information, visit DEC's web page at www.dec-sped.org.

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