

PRESENTATION OF THE
2018
JOAN WALD BAKEN
AWARD

Division for Physical, Health, and Multiple Disabilities
Council for Exceptional Children



The Joan Wald Baken Award

- Established in 1997 to honor the memory of the devoted member of DPHD who dedicated herself to individuals with physical and health disabilities.
- Up to two awards are given annually to individuals whose accomplishments represent exemplary advocacy and educational practice.
- The recipient must be involved in directly impacting individuals with physical and health disabilities in schools, hospitals, clinics, homes

2018 Recipient of the Joan Wald Baken Award

Christel Murphy, M.Ed.



Christel Murphy, Ed.D. (ABD)

- Ed.D. Special Education - In progress, University of Cincinnati
- M.Ed. Educational Leadership – 2011, University of Dayton
- School Liaison Specialist and Research Team Lead at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Christel Murphy, Ed.D. (ABD)

- Christel began her career teaching in the Cincinnati-area as a high school and intermediate level intervention specialist
- After teaching for several years she took a position at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a School Intervention Specialist
- In 2015, she became involved in research, focusing on educational impact for students with chronic health conditions

Contributions to the Field

- Christel maintains a caseload of about 70 patients; she works with patients and their families, medical teams, social workers, and schools while applying best practices and well-developed strategies to complex patient cases
- She has served as an investigator or research team member on a number of multidisciplinary research studies at Cincinnati Children's and University of Cincinnati related to understanding and improving educational outcomes for students with health conditions
- Christel is a co-developer of the Brief School Needs Inventory, which helps to stratify the educational needs and risks of students with a chronic health condition
- Christel is currently in the process of developing a screening tool to assess the post-secondary educational and vocational needs for individuals with chronic health conditions
- Christel has contributed to a number of manuscripts that have been critical to the field, including a position statement published in DPHMD's journal outlining barriers to school success for students with health conditions
- Christel has presented at national conferences, universities, and local schools to help educate broad audiences on best practice in the field

Service in the Field

- Christel is an active member of several national professional organizations
 - Council for Exceptional Children's Division of Physical, Health, and Multiple Disabilities
 - Executive Board Member
 - Chairperson, Chronic Medical Conditions Committee
 - Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Educational Specialists
 - Member, Research and Legislative Committees
 - Legislative Alliance for Students with Health Conditions
 - Member

Making a difference...

- Quotes from parents and teachers:
 - “Dear Christel- I just wanted to thank you for your help with the "meeting" for our friend[...]. **I appreciate your insight and your guidance as we tried to help guide his daily routines.** I know my thank you is a little late in coming, **but I am truly thankful to you and Children's for working along side us.** Our little friend has adjusted well to his new routine and continues to thrive.”
 - “Our family **is very grateful for your assistance** with [...]’s education. We agree with Lisa that **you do a fantastic job.** It is a relief to me to know that I don't have to do this on my own.”
 - “She was a teacher before working with Cincinnati Children’s, and **someone I trust. She has great ideas and solutions, and lots of resources and information.** I include her in [...] school and health progress, and **is one of my greatest resources.**”

Fun facts about Christel Murphy:

- Christel has two children, Emma and Patrick
- Christel is an avid athlete! She plays soccer, and has run several marathons, including the Boston Marathon
- Christel is a twin!
- Christel loves using Bitmojis



Thank you,
Christel Murphy,
for making a difference in the
lives of individuals with physical
and health disabilities!