



For Immediate Release
Contact: Annie Drinkard
703-264-9455

adrinkard@exceptionalchildren.org

Connecticut Professor Recognized with Lifetime Achievement Award

Arlington, Va., March [XX], 2024 – Dr. Mary Beth Bruder, Professor and UCEDD Director in Farmington, Connecticut, received the 2024 Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). This award recognizes an individual who has made continued and sustained contributions to positive outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities.

Mary Beth Bruder, Ph.D., serves as the director of the University of Connecticut’s Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and is a professor at the UConn School of Medicine and the UConn Neag School of Education. She has worked in the early intervention field for nearly 5 decades and is the director of 10 additional state and federal projects.

Dr. Bruder’s nominator says, “Dr. Bruder moves beyond visionary thinking to visionary action. Her visionary action makes all the difference. Indeed, she has unextinguishable vision and passion that have emboldened her for 4.5 decades to foster equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for countless individuals with disabilities and their families.”

One of Mary’s colleagues states, “One of Dr. Bruder’s consistent themes through the years has been the importance of incorporating every voice and perspective. Her commitment to family-centered practices has resulted in the voices of families becoming part of every class, every project, and every grant that she has administered.”

Dr. Mary Beth Bruder will be recognized this March, along with other CEC Professional Award recipients, at the CEC Convention & Expo in San Antonio, Texas.

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>.