

Pamela Phelps

Dr. Phelps has over 40 years experience working with young children and their families. For nine years she taught kindergarten and first-grade in the public schools of Wakulla and Leon Counties in the state of Florida. For the past thirty years she has been the Owner/Director of the Creative Pre-School, providing care for approximately one hundred and thirty children, ages two months to six years, on a full day, year round basis. Creative has been chosen as a national and state model for the inclusion of young children with disabilities; has been Nationally accredited since 1989 and is a "Gold Seal" program in the state of Florida. It is also the home of The Creative Pre-School Model Program Curriculum: Beyond Centers and Circle Time©.



Dr. Phelps is the Vice-President of The Creative Center for Childhood Research and Training, a non-profit corporation, providing training and program consultation for adults working with young children. CCCRT conducts and supports research, and makes presentations to professional and non-professional groups on a variety of subjects concerning young children and their families. Dr. Phelps is an international consultant on early childhood education to the Republic of Indonesia, and has conducted multiple national symposiums and workshops in that country.

Dr. Phelps is active in local, state, and national professional organizations. She works as an advocate for young children and their families on both the state and national levels. She is a past chair of the State of Florida's Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Services appointed by the Commissioner of Education for the State of Florida and a past member of The Florida Interagency Council for Infants and Toddlers. She has published articles in professional early childhood and special education journals; directed research in early childhood settings; and regularly conducts workshops for educators and parents on play and play environments, behavior management, and numerous other topics related to young children.

During the fall of 1992, Dr. Phelps was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by The Florida Association of Volunteer Agencies for Caribbean Action and as the Child Care Advocate of the Year for her work on behalf of young children by Big Bend Community Coordinated Child Care. In March of 1994, she was chosen Public Citizen of the Year by The Big Bend Unit of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.; in May of 1998, she received The Outstanding Women Award from the Tallahassee Branch of the American Association of University Women; and in August of 2002 she was presented with the Research in Education Award by the Florida State University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Most recently, the Tallahassee 25 recognized Dr. Phelps as a "Superhero" for her dedication and commitment to children.

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