

Dr. Pamela C. Phelps

Dr. Phelps has over 50 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 forty-nine years she has been the Owner/Director of the Creative Pre-School, providing care for children, ages two months through Kindergarten, 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; continuously nationally accredited since 1989; and "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, makes presentations to professional and non-professional groups on a variety of subjects concerning young children and their families, and is a major sponsor of the 1 Goal Conference "Putting Families and Children First". 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 and the Caribbean.

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.

Dr. Phelps has received numerous awards and recognitions including:

2019 Certificate from the Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Muhadjir Effendy, recognizing Dr. Phelps' exemplary contribution to the development of early childhood education In Indonesia

- 2019 Recognition for outstanding and lasting contributions to Sekolah AlFalah, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2018 President's Award for Advocacy presented by the Southern Early Childhood Association
- 2016 The Nancy Thomas Award presented by the One Goal Summer Conference
- 2016 25 Women You Need to Know presented by the Tallahassee Democrat
- 2005 Superhero Award presented by the Tallahassee 25
- 2002 Research in Education Award presented by The Florida State University Chapter Phi Delta Kappa May
- 1998 Outstanding Woman Award presented by The Tallahassee Branch of the American Association of University Women
- 1994 Public Citizen of the Year presented by The National Association of Social Workers, Inc. Florida Chapter Big Bend Unit
- 1992 Volunteer of the Year presented by The Florida Association of Volunteer Agencies for Caribbean Action, Inc.
- 1992 Child Advocate of the Year presented by Big Bend Community Coordinated Child Care