**Press Release:** *Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announces 2022 humanitarian award recipient

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The awards committee of the *Council for Exceptional Children’s Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities* announced today that the 2022 Burton Blatt Humanitarian Award will be given to Dr. Karrie Shogren. Dr. Shogren is a Professor in the Department of Special Education, Senior Scientist in the Life Span Institute, and Director of the Center on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Kansas. This award named in honor of the late Dr. Burton Blatt, a foundational advocate for individuals with extensive support needs to be full and valued members of society, recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the fields of autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities. Through her extensive research and publication efforts, Dr. Shogren has become internationally recognized as a leader in the area of self-determination and systems of support for students with disabilities. Her nominator, Dr. Emily Bouck from Michigan State University, stated that in addition to extensive research activity, Dr. Shogren “positively impacts the academic lives of scholars, including early career scholars, and helps guide them through the art and science of academic publishing.” In total Dr. Shogren has made exceptional effort in furthering the case of persons with intellectual disability, developmental disabilities, or autism.

This prestigious award is presented by *The Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD),* a special interest association within the *Council for Exceptional Children*, the largest international professional organization in the world dedicated to supporting the needs of students with disabilities. Originating in 1963, DADD is a leading voice in the field of education for students with autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities through research dissemination, active participation in the creation of nationally-recognized professional practice standards, and robust professional networking. The award ceremony will take place at DADD’s annual conference in Clearwater, Florida, in January 2022.

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