

SPOTLIGHT ON DON LOLLAR

Each month we try to feature an ICF professional who has had a significant impact in the disability field. This month we are pleased to highlight Don Lollar. Don Lollar, Ed.D. is a Senior Research Scientist, Division for Human Development and Disability, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Prior to coming to CDC, Dr. Lollar practiced rehabilitation psychology for 25 years, providing assessment and therapy services to children, adults, and families across the lifespan. His advanced degrees are from Indiana University, and his most recent writings include co-editing an *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* supplement on the Science of Disability Outcomes, and articles for the 2003 *Annual Review of Public Health* and 2002 *Public Health Reports*, outlining public health strategies to improve the health and well-being of people with disabilities. He has spent the past seven years developing public health science and programs to increase participation in society among people with disabilities by promoting health and preventing secondary conditions. He currently serves as the co-lead of the *HEALTHY PEOPLE* 2010 workgroup on Disability and Secondary Conditions (Chapter 6 of HP 2010), and is CDC representative to the advisory committee for the Child and Adolescent Measurement of Health Initiative and the Surgeon General's Task Force on Children's Mental Health. Dr. Lollar is an initiator and member of the World Health Organization task force to adapt the international classification (ICF) for children and youth with disabilities. On a personal note, Don enjoys Atlanta Braves baseball, baroque music, travel (usually) and watching his children find their way. He loves spending relaxing time with his partner of 35 years, Miriam. Don says that major pivotal factors in his life are growing up in the south, playing basketball much of his life, meeting Miriam, raising their two children, singing in a madrigal group for 10 years, and leaving private practice to join CDC. When Don opens the redbook, he calls attention to the red ribbon book mark, and says: "I come from the South, and where I come from, if a book has this red ribbon in it, that means it's reeeal important." It is hard to imagine how ICF development would have occurred without the dedicated efforts of Don Lollar.