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Dr. Mark Innocenti was elected to the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors as a Member-at-Large this fall.

Dr. Innocenti is the Associate Director of the Early Intervention Research Institute at the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University. He is a researcher with over 25 years of experience working with children who are at risk and their families.

He is a past president of the CEC’s Division for Early Childhood Board, and he served on the DEC Board for eight years.

"I think having an early childhood perspective on the CEC Board is important," he said. "I think we need strong organizations to lead the field and CEC is a strong organization." His appointment is voluntary, and as he serves he plans to continue emphasizing evidence-based practices in early intervention and special education.

His term begins January 1.

As a board member he will be involved in policy making and administration of the CEC. The council is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities, gifts and talents.

The CEC works to enhance professional development among its members, who include teachers, administrators, students, parents, paraprofessionals and support service providers. It also publishes cutting-edge information and research.