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The Glenn I. Latham Award is the highest award given by the Center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education, the Technical Assistance Division of the CPD. This award is given to a State Education Agency staff member who best characterizes the attributes of Dr. Latham—knowledge, wisdom, and a passion to improve programs and services for children with disabilities.

We are proud to announce that the 2011 Glenn I. Latham Award was presented to Mark Ward, dispute resolution specialist from the Kansas State Department of Education and Susan Bailey Anderson, Professional Development Specialist from the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

The Glenn I. Latham Award was created in 2001 in memory of Dr. Glenn I. Latham, who was the founder and Director of the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center at Utah State University. Dr. Latham passed away in 2001 while on a technical assistance trip. Dr. Latham was nationally known for his expertise in special education, specifically in the areas of behavior management and parent involvement. He was highly respected for his dedication to improving services of children with disabilities.

The individual receiving the award must possess similar attributes and characteristics as Dr. Latham including:

• Contributes to improving results and services for children and youth with disabilities at the local, state and regional levels.
• Ongoing compassion and dedication in the area of special education.
• Demonstrates leadership—leading with mind and heart.
• Willing to share their expertise with other professionals.
• Possessing similar characteristics and philosophy of special education as Dr. Latham.
• Keeping the main thing the main thing—children with disabilities.

The TAESE was established as part of the CPD in 2004. The Glenn Latham Award is now an annual award.