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Education  
Special Education Department  
Merle B. Karnes Papers, 1949-96

Box 1:

## Biographical Information

Vita: Merle B. Karnes  
Teaching Certificates: 1956, 1982, 1992.  
Diploma: Doctor of Humanities, May 23, 1982.

## Publications

### Books

- You and Your Retarded Child: A Manual for Parents of Retarded Children.* By Samuel A. Kirk, Merle B. Karnes, and Winifred D. Kirk, 1956.
- Helping Young Children Develop Language Skills: A Book of Activities.* By Merle B. Karnes, 1968.
- Early Childhood Education for Exceptional Children: A Handbook of Ideas and Exemplary Practices.* Ed. by June B. Jordan, Alice H. Hayden, Merle B. Karnes, and Mary M. Wood, 1977.
- Early Childhood.* By Merle B. Karnes and Richard C. Lee, 1978.
- Creative Art for Learning.* By Merle B. Karnes, 1979.
- You and Your Small Wonder: Activities for Busy Parents and Babies.* By Merle B. Karnes, 1982.
- The Underserved: Our Young Gifted Children.* Ed. by Merle B. Karnes, 1983.
- Early Childhood Resource Book.* By Merle B. Karnes, 1985.
- Primary Thinking Skills - A1.* By Merle B. Karnes, 1986.
- Classroom Activities.* By Merle B. Karnes and Lawrence J. Johnson, 1991.
- Parent/Child Activities: Book 1.* By Merle B. Karnes and Lawrence J. Johnson, 1991.
- Parent/Child Activities: Book 2.* By Merle B. Karnes and Lawrence J. Johnson, 1991.

### Assessment Materials and Training Worksheets

- “Bringing Out Head Start Talents (BOHST)” Lesson Plans & Educational Activities, n.d.
- Building Thinking Skills Worksheets: Introduction to Chapter 5, n.d.
- Building Thinking Skills Worksheets: Chapters 6-8, n.d.
- “Coordinating Assessment and Programming for Preschoolers (CAPP)” by Merle B. Karnes and Lawrence J. Johnson, 1991.

### Research Projects and Reports

- An Experience Curriculum in the First Grade with Emphasis on Social Progress* by Merle B. Karnes, 1949.

Binder of Research Directed by Merle B. Karnes, including PEECH Project (Precise Early Education of Children with Handicaps), 1968-76.  
Child Development Project, n.d.

Box 2:

Journal Articles

Journal Articles, in chronological order, 1973-87  
Publications, n.d.

**Awards and Certificates**

Merle B. Karnes: Awards and Certificates, 1959-96.

Past President Illinois Administrators of Special Education on behalf of Handicapped Children of Illinois, 1958-59?

Distinguished Service to Education, presented by the College of Education of the University of Missouri: March 10, 1959.

Council for Exceptional Children Membership, presented by the Council for Exceptional Children: December 28, 1959.

Advisory Council to the Department of Children and Family Services Membership, commissioned by Otto Kerner, Governor of Illinois: January 21, 1964.

Women's Centennial Honor Award, presented by the University of Missouri-Columbia and the Centennial Committee for the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Admission of Women: May 7, 1968.

J.E. Wallace Wallin Education of Handicapped Children Annual Award, presented by the Council for Exceptional Children: April 27, 1973.

Colonel Aide de Camp, Governor's Staff, appointed by Governor Winfield Dunn and the state of Tennessee: May 23, 1973.

Presidential Citation for Conspicuous Service to Public Education and the Profession of School Administration, presented by the Illinois Association of School Administrators: October 23, 1973.

Murfreesboro City Schools Special Education Instructional Materials Center Certificate for Appreciation of Service: December 8, 1973.

Certificate of Recognition, presented by the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign: March 17, 1975.

Caritas Society Award for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Mental Retardation, presented by the Caritas Society: October 9, 1976.

Award for Excellence in Recognition of Outstanding Performance in Early Childhood Education for Exceptional Children, presented by the New Mexico Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children: April 15, 1981.

Early Intervention Research Award: 1983.

Recognition for Outstanding Leadership and Life-Long Commitment to DEC and Young Children, presented by the Division for Early Childhood Council for Exceptional Children: April 1, 1986.

Honor for Outstanding Dedication and Service to Gifted and Talented Education, presented by the Illinois Planning Commission for Gifted Education – Central: 1988.

DSC Award: December 10, 1992.

Certificate of Appreciation upon Retirement, presented by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois: 1993.

Illinois Pioneers Subdivision of CEC Pioneers Division Charter Membership Certificate: November 1993-94.

President's Award of Merit, presented by the International Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children: October, 1994.

Award of Excellence, presented by the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children: 1995-96.

Certificate of Appreciation, presented by C.E.C. Chapter 192 of Fairfax County, Virginia.

## **Personal Effects**

Merle Karnes Personal Papers and Photographs, 1985-92: includes family photographs, a recipe book, and a nutri/system workbook, notes from and regarding friends.

## **Educational Games and Activities**

“Learning Language at Home” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1977.

Game Oriented Activities for Learning (GOAL): “Beginning Science,” 1978.

“Learning Language at Home 2” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1978.

“Learning Mathematical Concepts at Home” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1980.

### Box 3:

“Small Wonder: First Year” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1981.

“Small Wonder: Second Year” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1981.

“Small Wonder: Third Year” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1981.

GOAL: “Beginning Social Studies” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1983.

GOAL: “Beginning Health and Nutrition,” 1995.

“Professor Merle Karnes Talks About Early Language Activities Kit” - Cassette, n.d.

(Boxes 4-8 are educational games developed by Karnes, in their original boxes)

Box 4: GOAL: “Language Development” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1972.

Box 5: GOAL: “Mathematical Concepts” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1973.

Box 6: “Know Me, Know You,” Developed by Merle B. Karnes, 1983.

Box 7: GOAL: “Level 1 Language Development,” 1985.

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Box 8: GOAL: "Level 2 Language Development," 1986.