

**Press Release:** *Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities Announces 2026 Research Award Recipient*

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The Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD) is pleased to announce Dr. Stephanie Gerow as the 2026 Research Award recipient. This award recognizes exceptional researchers in the area of education for students with autism, intellectual disability, or other developmental disabilities.

Dr. Stephanie Gerow is an Associate Professor in the Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special Education and Director of the Collaborative Research, Inclusive Education, and Well-Being (CREW) Disability Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her research focuses on parent-implemented interventions for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, with particular emphasis on telehealth models that expand access to evidence-based services. Through a highly translational program of research, Dr. Gerow advances caregiver training practices that are both rigorous and responsive to the real-world needs of families.

Dr. Rose Onsyia, Professor at the University of Missouri, highlighted the impact of Dr. Gerow's work, noting that *"her research has made a transformative impact on evidence-based practices for individuals with autism and developmental disabilities."* Colleagues further emphasized her exceptional scholarly productivity, including more than 45 peer-reviewed publications and over \$5.6 million in competitive funding, as well as her leadership in developing innovative interventions and community partnerships that bridge research and practice.

This distinguished award is presented by DADD, a special interest association within the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the largest international professional organization dedicated to supporting students with disabilities. Since 1963, DADD has been a leading voice in educating students with autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities, contributing to research dissemination, developing professional practice standards, and fostering robust professional networking.

The award ceremony is scheduled for January 16, 2026, at DADD's annual conference in Long Beach, CA. For further information, please contact DeVoshia Mason Martin, DADD Awards Chair, at [awardschair@daddcec.com](mailto:awardschair@daddcec.com). Additional details about the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities can be found at <http://www.daddcec.com/>.