

The Butterfield, Dolezal – Buckingham Scholarship was created to honor the two women whose vision and dedication to children and families began the work of How To Read Your Baby.

***Perry Butterfield, MA.*** has been a research psychologist on the faculty of the University Of Colorado Medical School for the last 25 years. Her degree in psychology is specific to infant mental health and parent counseling. She interned with T. Berry Brazelton at The Harvard Medical College at Boston Children's Hospital where she worked with counseling and assessment of parents of blind infants and then with parents of special needs children. Butterfield returned to UCHSC to work with Dr. Peter Dawson on the first longitudinal research study of Home Visitation as an intervention for potentially abusive mothers.

1979-1984 Butterfield was awarded a March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation grant to develop and study the effects of parent counseling on the developmental outcomes of pre-term or sick infants. This project was run in collaboration with the NICU at The Children's Hospital, Denver.

In 1985 Butterfield returned to the University of Colorado School of Medicine to join the Program for Early Developmental Studies, under Dr. Robert Emde in the Dept. of Psychiatry where her research focused on defining norms of emotional communication between babies (0-4yrs) and parents.

In 1990, because of Butterfield's clinical work with teen parents and substance abusing parents she was asked by Sue Dolezal to help design a teaching curriculum based on emotional development for teen parenting programs in the vocational education classes in Colorado high schools. Together with several vocational education teachers, who had used her emotional development tapes, the curricula and teaching strategies for Partners in Parenting Education were developed. The conceptual and information pages in the PIPE curricula represent her contribution as well as the organizational and community out reach strategies of the How to Read Your Baby Program. Butterfield's work on this effort has been a personal volunteer community service effort.

Butterfield retired from the University of Colorado in 2003. She is the widow of Dr. L Joseph Butterfield, Neonatologist, at The Children's Hospital Denver. She is also the mother of four children.

*Sue Dolezal-Buckingham, M.Ed.*, was the originator of the Partners In Parenting Education (PIPE) project. She secured the initial grant from CCCOES (Colorado Community Colleges and Occupational Education Systems) to research, develop and pilot a new parenting curriculum for school based teen-parent programs in Colorado. At the end of the three-year CCCOES grant period, the PIPE project was transferred to How to Read Your Baby, a non-profit organization, where Sue became the Director of the PIPE program. During this time, she co-authored the revision of the curriculum to more directly focus on the emotional development of infants and toddlers and expand its application to other at-risk parenting populations and teaching situations (home visitation programs). She also developed the training materials for the PIPE Train The Trainer Program and supervised over 30 PIPE trainers throughout the US. In addition, she worked with Marsha Hawley, from the Erikson Institute in Chicago, to adapt the PIPE curriculum and mentoring process to improve the emotional availability of infant-toddler childcare providers.

Sue served as a parenting educator and Director of a school-based teen parent program in Brighton, Colorado for 20 years. She has been a member of the board of directors of National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention (NOAPPP now called Healthy Teen Network) and was one of the founders of the Colorado Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting. She received a BS degree from Colorado State University in Home Economics Education and her M.Ed. from the University of Northern Colorado in Adult and Community Education with a focus on Parenting Program Development. She has presented at numerous state, national and international conferences on how to develop educational programs for caregivers designed to meet the emotional needs of children, birth to three.

Sue is currently an Adjunct Professor in the School of Education at Johnson and Wales University where she uses her expertise in educational theory and curriculum design to train secondary teacher candidates. Sue and her husband Tom, live in Aurora, Colorado.

