



University Achievement Awards

California State University, Long Beach

Community Service Award: Faculty

Dr. Julie O' Donnell

Social Work

Dr. Julie O'Donnell's excellence in community service has increased CSULB's visibility in Long Beach, throughout the state, and nationally.

Director of Research for the Child Welfare Training Centre in the Department of Social Work since 1992, Dr. O'Donnell has continually partnered with community agencies to improve children, family, and community well-being particularly in the downtown Long Beach Community. She has served on numerous local boards including the Stevenson-YMCA Community School Advisory Board, and the Communities Organizing Resources To Advance Learning Program Development Board. She has written over \$25 million in grants to fund juvenile delinquency prevention, community development, after-school, family involvement, and community school programs. She is a board member for the California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) and, as chair of the Los Angeles region, led the planning committee that launched the first school social work conference for California.



In addition, Dr. O'Donnell has served CSULB's Department of Social Work as the chair of the Personnel Committee, chair and co-chair of the Research Sequence, chair of Strategic Planning, and as a member of the Curriculum and RTP Committees.

Dr. O'Donnell currently teaches school social work, thesis and community projects. She has been the principal investigator on multiple grants that have been funded by organizations such as the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, De-Witt Wallace Reader's Digest Foundation, California Department of Child Abuse Prevention, James Irvine Foundation, California Community Foundation, the Marguerite Casey Foundation and the Stuart Foundation. She also consults on and evaluates numerous projects that emphasize education and community development in low-income, culturally-diverse communities in the Long Beach area.