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The Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs is celebrating Ann Garwick, who retired from the School of Nursing in January, 2020. Ann will remain a member of the Center, and has transitioned from her role as Center Director. Thank you, Ann!

Wendy Looman, Center Director

Ann Garwick

The Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs is celebrating the contributions of Ann Garwick, who recently retired after over two decades of service.
in the School of Nursing. Ann’s work has always included a strong participatory action approach, with an aim to listen to and understand the needs of those we serve in the community. In 1998, Ann and colleagues published a now-highly cited paper titled, *Families’ Recommendations for Improving Services for Children with Chronic Conditions*, where they reported the results of in-home interviews with 63 families of children with chronic conditions. A core recommendation from families was to improve the training that health care professionals, families, and the public receive about chronic conditions and their management.

These findings and Ann’s other community-engaged studies have informed the ongoing efforts of the Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs over the past 27 years. Initially funded in 1993 by a Maternal and Child Health Bureau nursing training grant, Center focuses on training future nurse leaders to provide culturally-sensitive, family-centered care. As core faculty for that training grant and as Director of the Center from 2007 - 2019, Ann has had a vital role in supporting the specialized preparation of over 250 graduate students for leadership roles in the care of children and youth with special health care needs and their families. We are so grateful for Ann’s deep expertise, her unrelenting commitment to families and children, and her compassionate leadership of the Center.