Dr. Jane Knitzer embodied one consistent theme throughout her remarkable career: that every child and every family is sacred, and that it is every person’s duty to reach out to the most marginalized and vulnerable among us.

Dr. Knitzer earned a psychology degree from Wellesley College and an MEd and an EdD from Harvard University. She later received a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health for her work at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

She held faculty positions at Cornell University, New York University, and Bank Street College of Education. She was a president of the American Association of Orthopsychiatry, a division president of the American Psychological Association, a member of two committees of the Institute of Medicine, and a member of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. In 2007, she was appointed to the New York State Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board.

During her career, Dr. Knitzer was hailed for creating groundbreaking works that transformed the collective understanding of the needs of marginalized children and adolescents, and how to address them.

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This initiative ensures that the Director of Early Childhood Programs is a permanent staff position at NCCP and provides funding for new and existing early childhood programs and projects at NCCP.

The Jane Knitzer Directorship in Early Childhood demonstrates NCCP’s great appreciation for the contributions Dr. Knitzer made throughout her remarkable career – not only to Columbia University, the Mailman School of Public Health, and to the National Center for Children in Poverty, but also to the broader world of children and family advocacy.

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