

SPOTLIGHT ON JOHN E. CREWS

John E. Crews, D.P.A. is the new the Lead Scientist with the Disability and Health Team in the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. His Doctorate of Public Administration is from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1990, where he was honored as "All University Graduate Research and Creative Scholar" in 1988. John has over twenty-five years experience in vision rehabilitation and disability research. He managed a clinical program for older people with visual impairments for fifteen years in Michigan until 1992. He then became the Acting Director of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Center on Aging at the VA in Atlanta. After that, he served as the Executive Director of the Georgia Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, and then served as Research Director at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision at Mississippi State University. In 1998, he joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. John's specialty is vision impairment and aging. He serves on several boards, including the American Foundation for the Blind, American Society on Aging, and Lighthouse International. John's wife, Nancy, is a social worker, and his daughter, Kate, is a junior at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, majoring in French education. John says: "ICF is the currency for our research...ICF is a Swiss army knife...ICF is the conceptual framework applied to my analyses of how vision impairment relates to activities and participation..." John has 17 ICIDH and ICF publications to his credit, including:

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