

SPOTLIGHT ON SCOTT CAMPBELL BROWN

Scott Campbell Brown is an Education Research Analyst with the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, Office of Special Education Programs. Scott has had a major interest in promoting the use of ICF, going way back to its ICIDH days. While a Research Scientist at Gallaudet University, he worked with Mary Chamie to develop the first version of the United Nations Disability Statistics Data Base (DISTAT), which was the first data source to incorporate ICIDH codes in its design. In 1987, he designed a conference at Gallaudet called Recent Trends in the Demography of Disability. This conference, which included Phillip Wood (the architect of the original ICIDH), served to roll out DISTAT and introduce ICIDH to the United States disability statistics community. In 1991, he served as a consultant in disability statistics for the International Labour Organization and worked to implement ICIDH in the Ethiopian Rehabilitation Agency's data system. From 1991 to 1993, Scott served as Co-Chair of the Interagency Subcommittee on Disability Statistics (ISDS). In this capacity, he supported the participation by the United States in the ICIDH revision process. Since the late 1990s, Scott has served as a consultant to the United Nations on disability policy. In this capacity, he has urged use of the ICF, as well as techniques to systematically address the concept of accessibility. During the 2000-2001 year, he served as Chair of the American Public Health Association's Disability Forum. Aside from ICF-related publications, his most recent accomplishment is production of the Department of Education's Early Intervention Data Handbook. The Handbook recommends use of ICD and ICF and presents several ICF D codes for professionals to consider using. This is one of the first federal government publications to actually include and urge the use of ICF codes. Many ICF meeting participants have met both him and his wife Pat at NACC meetings. Pat has a Masters in Education and has served on the Stafford County Special Education Advisory Committee. Scott's education includes a Ph. D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania. In their spare time, Scott and Pat go to duplicate Bridge tournaments. Scott recently became a Life Master at Bridge and both are now working for Pat to duplicate the feat. The two met in a class on improvisational comedy and ran a comedy show for two years in the early 1990s. For now, their comedy occurs mainly at the Bridge table. For more information, contact: Scott Campbell Brown, PhD, Research to Practice Division, Office of Special Education Programs, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, United States Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, U.S. Mail: 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest, FedEx: 550 12th Street Northwest, Room 4076, Washington, D. C. 20202-2641, tel: 202 245-7282, fax: 202 245-7619, email: Scott.Brown@ed.gov.