



For December's Meet-the-Board post, we hear from Dr. Audrey Kraynak, OHCFR's current Past President (though she has served in many other roles as well!). Read on to learn more about Dr. Kraynak and her work!

Audrey Kraynak has been a member of the OHCFR advisory board since 2005, first as a professional member and then serving as Secretary-Treasurer, President-elect, President and currently Past President. She has kept OHCFR listserv members informed about the workings of the advisory board through an on-line OHCFR newsletter.

In addition to her contributions to the OHCFR advisory board, Dr. Kraynak has been a book reviewer for the NCFR publication, CFLE Network. During the past two years, she has been the primary author of several articles published in the *Communique*, a publication of the National Association of School Psychologists, which compared the DSM-5 chapters on Anxiety Disorders as well as Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders to the respective chapters in the DSM-IV TR. She was an invited participant to the Oxford Roundtable where she presented information from her doctoral dissertation regarding the adjustment of children to the divorce of their parents, which was later published in the *Forum*, an Oxford University publication. As a member of the Education Delegation sponsored by the People to People program, which visited educational settings in Moscow and St. Petersburg, she learned about and visited Russia's educational programs for the early childhood through university years.

Following her graduation from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), where Audrey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of

Science in Vocational Home Economics Education, Audrey worked as an assistant teacher in the BGSU nursery school and as a vocational home economics teacher in northwest Ohio (Elmwood School District). She was employed as a Head Start teacher in a model program sponsored by BGSU and, the following summer, by the Bowling Green School District. While earning a Master of Science degree from Purdue University, she was the head teacher of a group of two year olds as well as a graduate research assistant in the Department of Child Life/Family Studies. Audrey earned a doctoral degree from Kent State University (KSU) in the areas of school psychology as well as curriculum and instruction. For nineteen years, she was an adjunct faculty member at KSU in the Department of Child Development, Family Studies and Gerontology. At KSU, her teaching assignments included teaching a group of three and four year olds as well as college level courses such as Child Development, Family Interventions across the Lifespan, Senior Seminar, Practicum, and several independent study sessions that focused on medical terminology and the child life field. In addition, Dr. Kraynak coordinated the Adult Development and Well-being program, a joint community/university program that provided social, exercise and cognitive activities for older adults who interacted with Kent State students

Audrey has worked in family-related fields teaching parent education courses and as a school psychologist in public, parochial and independent schools in northeastern Ohio. She is a member of the Deaf-blind Technical Assistance Project which provides consultation services to parents and/or school districts of students who are on the Ohio deaf-blind census. She is a state trainer for the INSITE program, a curriculum developed at Utah State University to provide continuing education to parents and professionals who interact with children with multiple disabilities. For more than fifteen years as a school psychologist, she provided assessment and consultative services for students in the Crestwood-Larlham Program, a school-based educational program for school-age with multiple disabilities who resided at the Hattie Larlham Foundation. She also provided assessment and consultation services to Crestwood Local School students at the primary and intermediate elementary levels. Since retiring, she has provided school psychology services to school districts in Northeast Ohio, filling in for medical and pregnancy leaves or as the need arises.

In her spare time, Audrey enjoys doing various needlework projects, reading, gardening and participating as a spectator at her three older grandchildren's sporting events. In addition to these grandchildren, who range in age from 12 to 18, she enjoys interacting with twin granddaughters who are four years of age as well as vacationing with her daughters and their families. She is a Sunday school teacher at her church, a member of the Education committee and has been a regular adult volunteer for Vacation Bible School for over ten years. She also has been trained as a first responder for the Summit County team and was a member of the KSU delegation that helped with reconstruction efforts during spring break in Biloxi and Pass Christian Mississippi following hurricane Katrina. She has participated in Relay for Life, Cookies for Kids with Cancer and volunteered at two Color Me Fun Runs in Aurora that supported childhood cancer.