

Jane Kennedy Excellence In Aging Award Honoree

Dr. Michael J. Stogner

Dr. Michael Stogner served as the Director of the Appalachian AAA for 23 years before retiring, yet he dedicated most of his professional life to the aging field. His career began in 1978 with the AAA for the North Florida and Mental Health Board. This path continued as he became the AAA Director for the Santee-Lynches Council of Governments, followed by his move in 1986 to the Upstate and into his position at Appalachian COG. In 2000, the Workforce Investment Program was moved under his direction as well.

Dr. Stogner's accomplishments include:

- Two terms as President of SE4A
- Four terms as President of the SC4A
- Five years as board member to the N4A
- Co-founder of the S.C. Aging Network Leadership School
- Two terms as President of the S.C. Gerontological Society Board

Michael Stogner worked tirelessly for over 25 years to improve the skills and knowledge of workers in the field of Aging in South Carolina and the Southeast. He served on the Planning Committees for all of the Education and Training Programs in SC to make sure that training needs of staff were addressed. He was a devoted member of the Summer School of Gerontology Planning Committee for over 20 years. He served on the Planning Committee for three SC White House Conferences on Aging. Michael was instrumental in establishing the SC Leadership Institute for the SC Aging Network. Michael was a mentor to many AAAs both in SC and in the Southeast.

