

DR. ADA THOMPSON

Dr. Ada Jane Thompson was an Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) state area supervisor in the special education unit who became the Director of Special Education in Fayetteville. When she retired, she was recruited to teach at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Prior to ADE, Ada worked as a staff development administrator for MR- DDS, a teacher and supervisor at the Arkansas Children's Colony (HDC now) in Conway.

In addition to her job responsibilities, Ada contributed to the field of special education by being actively involved in professional organizations. She served in many leadership roles in the Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children Federation (ARCEC) and the American Association of Mental Retardation (AAMR) where she served as regional president of the organization. Ada was well respected for her knowledge in special education and for assuring the rights of children with disability were addressed.