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Dr. Phillip Strain, Professor of Educational Psychology and Psychiatry, University of Colorado Denver, received his master's and doctoral degrees in special education from Peabody College. During this time he served as a special education teacher and teacher supervisor. Dr. Strain is the author of over 250 scientific papers, chapters and books and he has served on the editorial boards of 20 professional journals. Dr. Strain has received numerous research grants (totaling 40 million dollars) and awards during his 35 year career, including the Career Achievement Awards from the Division for Early Childhood and the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. He is this year's recipient of the Council for Exceptional Children's Career Research Award. Currently, Dr. Strain serves as a Co-Principal Investigator on three major federal initiatives to improve access to evidence-based practices in early childhood and early childhood special education: The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, The Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Interventions and the Head Start Center on Mental Health Consultation. Dr. Strain directs the Positive Early Learning Experiences Center at the University of Colorado Denver.