

Dr. Gerold L. Schiebler

Dr. Schiebler dedicated his professional career to the health care of children not only in Florida but to all children in this country.

He was chairman of the University of Florida College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics in Gainesville for 17 years and then became UF associate vice president for Health Affairs for External Relations. He was recognized with many awards including the University of Florida Distinguished Service Professor, Emeritus and the UF Lifetime Achievement Award. Although he officially retired from UF in 2000, he hasn't stopped working diligently for children, now currently serving as state-wide Children's Medical Services (CMS) medical consultant. He continues his strong advocacy for quality health care for economically disadvantaged children. Known as the "Father of Children's Medical Services in Florida," he has worked with the state CMS program in various capacities since 1971, including serving as statewide director. The CMS building in Gainesville is named after him. Dr. Schiebler can be credited with more than 50 pro-child state laws – including insurance coverage for babies at birth, infant metabolic screening, infant hearing screening, regional neonatal and perinatal intensive care centers, and poison control centers. Dr. Schiebler and his late wife, Audrey Lincourt Schiebler, championed ardent advocacy for public policy reform as well as initiating innovative and life-changing programs so that children throughout their life span could enjoy a better quality of life.