

Promoting Child Maltreatment Prevention and Advancing Equity

April 25, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building, School of Social Work
UNC-Chapel Hill (Event also livestreamed)

Register online: go.unc.edu/SW-Legacy-Speakers



April is national Child Abuse Prevention month and May is national Foster Care Awareness month.

To spotlight the needs in our communities and the capacity of our children, families and the organizations that support them, the Legacy Speakers

Series is bringing together prominent social work scholars with community leaders, parents and youth. We believe that effective approaches to supporting children and families come from the collective ideas, energy and resources of a wide range of stakeholders.

Addressing the challenges and gaps in our current service systems will ensure that our community's most vulnerable are not harmed by programs or efforts intended to buffer them from the effects of traumatic experiences. The goal: to create an enduring legacy of security and stability for our children and families.

Agenda

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Check-in and Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | Welcome and Opening Session |
| 9:20 – 10:40 | Panel #1: Child Maltreatment Prevention |
| 10:40 – 10:55 | Break |
| 10:55 – 12:20 | Panel #2: Cross-System Quagmire: Protecting Black Girls and Young Women |
| 12:20 – 12:50 | Lunch |
| 12:50 – 2:00 | Panel #3: Fatherhood, Resilience and Other Protective Factors |
| 2:00 – 3:20 | Panel #4: Economic Resources and Social Safety Net Policies and Their Impact on Child and Family Well-Being |
| 3:20 – 3:30 | Closing Session |



Moderators and Panelists

Panel #1: Child Maltreatment Prevention



Moderator: Allison Metz, Professor of Practice, Director of Implementation Practice, UNC School of Social Work

Metz is a developmental psychologist with expertise in child development and family systems and a commitment to improving child and family outcomes and advancing equity. She specializes in the implementation of evidence to achieve social impact for children and families in human services and education.



Featured Scholar: Katie Maguire-Jack, Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Michigan

Maguire-Jack focuses her research on child abuse and neglect prevention, with an emphasis on communities and geographic disparities. She has expertise in advanced statistical methods and program evaluation.



Community Panelist: Lisa Cauley, Senior Director for Child, Family and Adult Services, Division of Social Services, N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Cauley is responsible for the oversight of all aspects of the state's child welfare services, which includes prevention of child abuse and neglect, child protection and foster care, building the capacity of parents and families, and opportunities for young people aging out of the foster care system.



Community Panelist: Teka Dempson, Member, N.C. Child Welfare Family Advisory Council

Dempson has a long history of bringing family perspectives not learned in school to her state and national advocacy work. She is a past president of North Carolina Families United and a board member for the National Federation of Families, and she serves in the role of birth parent on the N.C. Child Welfare Family Advisory Council.



UNC Faculty: Emily Putnam-Hornstein, John A. Tate Distinguished Professor for Children in Need, Director of the Family and Children's Resource Program, School of Social Work

Putnam-Hornstein's research focuses on the application of epidemiological methods to improve the surveillance of child abuse and neglect. Her analysis of large-scale, linked administrative data has provided insight into where scarce resources may be most effectively targeted and informs understanding of maltreated children within a broader, population-based context.

Panel #2: Cross-System Quagmire: Protecting Black Girls and Young Women



Moderator: Tamika Williams, Associate Director, Child & Family Well-Being, The Duke Endowment

Before joining The Duke Endowment in 2011, Williams was a social worker in child welfare for 13 years, including direct child practice, county supervision, state policy development and administration, and national training and technical assistance. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.



Featured Scholar: Camille Quinn, Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, The Ohio State University

Quinn is a health criminologist who examines the treatment of Black girls in criminal justice systems. Drawing from prior clinical and administrative experience with children and families involved with or at risk of involvement with the juvenile/criminal and child welfare systems, Quinn investigates mechanisms that underlie individual and structural barriers associated with recidivism and comorbid mental health disparities.



Community Panelist: Jessica Gunn, Director of Human Resources, Haven House Services

Gunn has more than 10 years of experience helping children and families. In her role at Haven House Services, she provides training to employees in trauma-informed care and provides clinical consultation to clinicians.



Community Panelist: Marcella Middleton, Co-Director, A Way Home America

For nearly two decades, Middleton has been an advocate for youth who are or have been in substitute care. A social worker and trainer, she now works with A Way Home America, a national initiative to build the movement to prevent and end homelessness among young people.



UNC Faculty: Sarah Verbiest, Clinical Professor, Director of the Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work

Verbiest brings to her work more than 20 years of expertise, leadership and research in maternal, child, women and family well-being. She leads programs that work with 300+ clinics across North Carolina on issues related to infant safe sleep, tobacco cessation, postpartum care and maternal health warning signs.

Panel #3: Fatherhood, Resilience and Other Protective Factors



Moderator: Phillip Redmond, Director of Child & Family Well-Being, The Duke Endowment

Redmond joined The Duke Endowment in 2000 after serving as executive director of the Children's Law Center in Charlotte, N.C. Prior to that, he was an attorney in private practice. He is chair of the Council on Accreditation Board of Trustees.



Featured Scholar: Susan Yoon, Associate Professor, College of Social Work, The Ohio State University

Yoon examines child maltreatment and resilience with a focus on fatherhood/father involvement. Her research seeks to promote resilience and well-being in children who have experienced childhood trauma, including child maltreatment, and she is particularly interested in identifying factors that promote or hinder resilience.



Community Panelist: Derrick Byrd, Executive Director, Family Resource Center South Atlantic

Before founding the nonprofit Family Resource Center South Atlantic, Byrd spent 20 years at Wake County Human Services, where he managed a comprehensive service delivery system for children and their families receiving child protective services.



Community Panelist: Barry Ginn, Former Member, N.C. Child Welfare Family Advisory Council

As a foster and adoptive parent in Wilson County, Ginn helps potential foster parents understand the responsibilities of the role by co-facilitating an in-service training on caring for children who have experienced trauma.



UNC Faculty: Paul Lanier, Associate Director of the Jordan Institute for Families and Wallace Kuralt Early Career Distinguished Scholar, School of Social Work

Lanier's research focuses on developing, evaluating and scaling-up evidence-based prevention programs in child welfare, mental health and early childhood systems. He has conducted studies with parenting support models such as Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, Circle of Parents, and maternal and child health home visiting models.

Panel #4: Economic Resources and Social Safety Net Policies and Their Impact on Child and Family Well-Being



Moderator: Jonathan Rockoff, Training Specialist, UNC School of Social Work

Rockoff facilitates and creates trainings on child welfare topics such as responding to child sexual abuse, substance use, trauma, coaching, foster care and adoption. His expertise on family well-being has been shaped by his firsthand experience working in a variety of settings, including in-home services, juvenile justice, foster care, adoption and education.



Featured Scholar: Michelle Johnson-Motoyama, Associate Professor, College of Social Work, The Ohio State University

Johnson-Motoyama examines state and federal policy at the intersection of economics and child maltreatment. Specifically, her scholarship examines the role of social policies and programs in violence prevention and the reduction of disparities in child and family health and well-being.



Community Panelist: Carloe Moser, Regional Assistant, SaySo (Strong Able Youth Speaking Out)

Moser is an advocate for children and youth, working with them through AmeriCorps and at homeless shelters, elementary schools and colleges. In 2019 he joined SaySo, a statewide association of youth who are or have been in the out-of-home care system based in North Carolina.



Community Panelist: Melea Rose-Waters, Policy Director, Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina

Rose-Waters has two decades of experience in community organizing, advocacy, partnership engagement and strategic planning. Since joining Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina in 2016, she has developed and implemented a strategic vision for the organization's policy work, collaborating with statewide partners on aligned campaigns.



UNC Faculty: David Ansong, Associate Professor and Wallace Kuralt Early Career Distinguished Scholar, School of Social Work

Ansong's research focuses on factors that promote economic security and the well-being of children and youth, including testing innovative interventions to strengthen the financial capability of relatives who provide permanent care for children in foster care.

Program Facilitators



Ramona Denby-Brinson
Dean and Kuralt Distinguished Professor, UNC School of Social Work

Denby-Brinson joined UNC-Chapel Hill as dean of the School of Social Work in 2021. Most recently, she was a professor and associate dean of academic affairs at the College of Social Work at The Ohio State University. Denby-Brinson has taught social work for more than 27 years and served 17 years in academic administration. Creating access to education for diverse students and advancing their success has been a critical mission throughout her career. Prior to joining academia, she was a social worker serving children and families in various social service settings, including medical social work, substance use disorders counseling, family counseling and public guardianship.



Constance F. Gray
Trustee, The Duke Endowment

Gray has worked in community-building and the social sciences for more than three decades. She holds a Master of Social Work from the UNC School of Social Work and was honored with the distinguished Alumni Award in 2018. She is currently a member of the School's Board of Advisors. A former planner-coordinator for the Center for Human Services Research at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, she served as consultant for the Community Action Program Directors on Leadership Training at the Center for Creative Leadership and was a member of the Wake Forest University Board of Trustees.



Laura Phipps
Program Coordinator, Family and Children's Resource Program, UNC School of Social Work

Phipps is a social worker who specializes in macro-focused work aimed at improving outcomes for child welfare and human service organizations. She started her career as a clinical social worker serving children and families in community mental health programs. At the Family and Children's Resource Program, she has led a wide variety of projects aimed at supporting the child welfare and human services workforce, using her skills to develop curricula, conduct trainings, facilitate town hall events and coordinate community-wide collective impact initiatives. Her areas of expertise include trauma-informed practice, facilitation and coaching, continuous quality improvement and outcomes-focused practice.

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