Child Maltreatment Research, Policy and Practice for the Next Generation: A Workshop

Board on Children, Youth, and Families

Embassy Suites Convention Center Hotel
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Washington, DC

January 30-31, 2012

Workshop Agenda

**Monday, January 30**

8:30–8:45  Welcome and Introductions  
Anne Petersen, University of Michigan  
Planning Committee Chair

**Goals and objectives of the workshop**  
Bryan Samuels, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

8:45-9:15  Keynote presentation:  
Cathy Spatz Widom, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

9:15 – 10:45  SESSION 1: Interactions Between Child Maltreatment Trends and Social Trends

*This session will explore trends and shifts in child maltreatment rates and the ways in which they may relate to changes in social and economic environments.*

**Moderator:**  
Anne Petersen, University of Michigan

**Societal Trends and Implications for Understanding Rates of Child Maltreatment**  
Christina Paxson, Princeton University

**Changes in Rates of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect**  
Lisa Jones, University of New Hampshire
Contributions of Data Sources to Understanding Child Maltreatment
Andrea Sedlak, Westat

Discussion

10:45-11:00  BREAK

11:00–12:30  SESSION 2: What Have We Learned about the Causes and Consequences of Child Maltreatment

This session will explore changes in our thinking about the risk and protective factors that contribute to child maltreatment, and advances in knowledge of the short- and long-term consequences of various forms of maltreatment on biobehavioral processes and functions.

Moderator: Anne Petersen, University of Michigan

The Impact of Contextual Factors on Child Maltreatment Reports and Behaviors
Jill Korbin, Case Western Reserve University

Neurobiology of Neglect
Mary Dozier, University of Delaware (presenting)
Phil Fisher, University of Oregon (not attending)
Megan Gunnar, University of Minnesota (not attending)

Neurobiology of Trauma and Stress Associated with Adverse Early Experience
Martin Teicher, McLean Hospital, Harvard University

Discussion

12:30-1:30  LUNCH

1:30-3:00  SESSION 3: What Have We Learned about Prevention Research and Its Impact on Practice and Policy in Human Services and Healthcare Systems

This session will explore the evidence base for effective prevention interventions. Speakers will discuss research that evaluates prevention efforts for universal, selected, and indicated populations (primary, secondary, and tertiary interventions). They will also highlight outcomes for effective preventive interventions and how to evaluate and monitor performance in scaling up promising programs.

Moderator: John Leventhal, Yale University
Assessment of Universal Preventive Interventions in Community and Hospital Settings
Deborah Daro, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

Assessment of Secondary Preventive Interventions with High-Risk Populations
Frank Putnam, Cincinnati Children’s Medical Center

Assessment of Prevention of Recurrent Offenses (for parents) or Prevention of Adverse Consequences (for children)
Mark Chaffin, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Discussion

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:45 SESSION 4: What Have We Learned about the Design and Delivery of Services?

This session will examine notable advances in knowledge of how to design and deliver services to maltreated children and their families, with a focus on topics that, if targeted in future research are likely to have a substantial impact on reducing chronic abuse and neglect and the negative consequences.

Moderator: Lucy Berliner, University of Washington

Parenting Interventions: Impact on Child and Family Outcomes and Role in Child Welfare Services
John Landsverk, Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

Child-Focused Interventions to Address Internalizing Problems of Children Who Experience Abuse, Exposure to Violence, and Neglect
Shannon Dorsey, University of Washington

Prevention and Treatment of Child Maltreatment Risk for Families Dealing with Multiple Problems
Steven Ondersma, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Discussion

4:45 Closing Remarks and Adjourn
DAY 2, January 31

8:30-8:45   Opening remarks
Anne Petersen, Planning Committee Chair

8:45-10:35 SESSION 5: Emerging Issues in the Identification, Assessment, and Reporting of Child Maltreatment

*This session will explore recent trends that are influencing the ways in which child abuse and neglect are being detected and reported by institutions and professionals.*

**Moderator:** Richard P. Barth, University of Maryland

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Practices and Patterns**
  Melissa Jonson-Reid, Washington University, St. Louis

- **Alternative Child Welfare Services Approaches**
  Richard P. Barth, University of Maryland

- **Medical and Psychosocial Assessment and Diagnosis of Child Abuse and Neglect**
  John Leventhal, Yale University

- **Psychosocial Assessment of Children and Families for Service Planning**
  Benjamin Saunders, Medical University of South Carolina

**Discussion**

10:35-10:50 BREAK

10:50-12:40 SESSION 6: Building Effective and Efficient Systems to Respond to Child Abuse and Neglect

*This session will examine cross-cutting elements in effective prevention and treatment interventions and also review cross-cutting elements in disseminating and implementing best practice models. Speakers will discuss lessons learned from translating and scaling up promising interventions as well as the experience with advocacy efforts (such as class-action suits) in moving research into practice.*

**Moderator:** Joy Osofsky, Louisiana State University

- **A Cross National View of Child Protective Systems of Response: Trends and Policy Implications**
John Fluke, American Humane Association

Research on System-Level Factors Affecting Outcomes in Child Welfare and Child Protective Services
Greg Aarons, University of California-San Diego

The Role of Class-Action Law Suits in Building Evidence-Based Systems in State Child Welfare Agencies
Charles Sabel, Columbia University

Discussant
David Sanders, Casey Family Programs

Discussion

12:40-12:50  Final Observations on Themes
Anne Petersen, University of Michigan, Planning Committee Chair

12:50-1:00  Closing Comments
Catherine Nolan, Director, Office Child Abuse and Neglect, Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

1:00  Adjourn public session