

8th Wicked Problems of Child Welfare Institute

Family First Prevention Services Act & Systems Change

October 23-24, 2018

Location: Gleacher Center, University of Chicago Booth School of Business; 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Day 1 Tuesday, October 23, 2018 (CST)

8:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Gleacher Center

8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome and Overview

Brian Maness, Board Chair, Children's Home Society of America, President and CEO, Children's Home Society of North Carolina

Gary Bowen, Ph.D., Dean and Kenan Distinguished Professor, UNC School of Social Work

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Opening Keynote: Dr. Jill Duerr Berrick, Ph.D., Zellerbach Family Foundation Professor, Berkeley Social Welfare, University of California

Dr. Berrick will present findings captured in her book, *The Impossible Imperative: Navigating the Competing Principles of Child Protection*, which “brings to life the daily efforts of child welfare professionals working on behalf of vulnerable children and families” through “stories that highlight the work, written by child welfare staff on the front lines” that speak to the competing principles they face in everyday practice.

Moderator: Candy Espino, CEO, Youth Homes, Inc.

9:15-10:45 a.m. Session 1: The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA): Turning the Ocean-Liner

Key experts on the FFPSA will provide their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges the Act presents, with a focus on addressing participants' understanding of the nuances of the law, and capitalizing on its objectives.

Moderator: John Kelly, Editor in Chief, The Chronicle of Social Change

Panelists

Laura Berntsen, U.S. Senate Finance Committee Staff (D)

Ryan Martin, U.S. Senate Finance Committee Staff (R)

Peter J. Pecora, Ph.D., Managing Director of Research Services, Casey Family Programs and Professor, University of Washington

Zach Laris, Senior Policy Associate, American Academy of Pediatrics

10:45-11:00 a.m. Networking Break

11:00-12:30 p.m. Session 2: The Promise of Prevention: Lessons from Get Ready Guilford

Panelists represent different sectors of the collective agenda, and will share their perspectives on how a system of primary prevention efforts guided by dynamic evaluation and collaborative learning can achieve population impacts and transportable models for systems change.

Moderator: Brian Maness, President, Children's Home Society of North Carolina

Panelists

Kenneth Dodge, Ph.D., Director, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University

Kirsten Kainz, Ph.D., Associate Director of Research Development and Translation, University of North Carolina School of Social Work

Meka Sales, Director, Special Initiatives, The Duke Endowment

12:30-1:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Session 3: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families Impacted By Substance Dependence: the IL Intact Families Recovery Initiative

Panelists will present findings from the Illinois Intact Families Recovery Initiative, a public-private partnership focused on implementing and testing a substance abuse treatment service model designed to increase reunification rates in Illinois.

Moderator: Melissa Ludington, Senior Vice President of Child Welfare Services, Children's Home & Aid

Presenters

Andrea Durbin, President/CEO, Illinois Collaboration on Youth

Anne Gold, Associate Deputy for Child Protection - IL Department of Children and Family Services

Susan A. Pickett, Deputy Director, Center for Research and Evaluation, Advocates for Human Potential

Heather France, Program Manager, Children's Home & Aid

2:45 – 4:15 p.m. Session 4: Supporting Families Post Permanence and Pregnant & Parenting Young People in Care: the Family and Youth Perspective

Bringing the perspectives of youth, adoptive parents and service providers into the Institute, this session will bring to life the real world experiences of a former young mother in care, families seeking services post-permanency, and service providers who support both. Discussions will create opportunities to enhance practice and support for pregnant and parenting teens and the post-permanency population in order to ensure that children grow up in nurturing families.

Moderator: Jeannette Pai-Espinoza, President, National Crittenton

Presenters

Mark Bryant, Permanency Support Specialist, Right Turn Nebraska

Renee Welstead, Parent2Parent Advocate, Right Turn Nebraska

Anna Brummer, Parent2Parent Advocate, Right Turn Nebraska

Selene Cortez, youth perspective, National Crittenton

Kathy Szafran, President and CEO, Crittenton Services West Virginia

4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Session 5: Partnering with the Media to Address Grand Challenges: Utah's *60 Minutes* experience

In child welfare, media engagement is too often related to tragic abuse, neglect, or a child fatality. In this session, learn from the experience of Children's Service Society of Utah, who worked with *60 Minutes* on a story about the needs of grand-families. The segment has generated much positive attention for the issue and the agency.

Participants will explore ways to engage the media around positive stories that can help raise awareness about promising solutions to the grand challenges of child welfare.

Presenter: Encarni Gallardo, Executive Director, Children's Service Society of Utah

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Networking Reception (*Hors d'oeuvres*)

Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile, 511 N. Columbus Dr.

Speakers from the Chronicle of Social Change will share findings from their 2018 foster care capacity report.

DINNER – ON YOUR OWN

Day 2 Wednesday, October 24, 2018 (CST)

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Gleacher Center

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Keynote and Discussion: *Jon Baron, Vice President of Evidence-Based Policy, Laura and John Arnold Foundation*

Building research – practice partnerships requires significant investments and a strong infrastructure to improve outcomes. This presentation will explore strategies to remove barriers to partnership success from the foundation perspective. A large group discussion will follow the keynote.

Moderator: *Borja Alvarez de Toledo, President/CEO, Child and Family Services of New Hampshire*

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Networking Break

9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Session 6: Building High Performing Research-Practice Partnerships: the Intersection of Implementation and Science

To prepare participants for action following the Institute, panelists will present a model designed to optimize cross-system connections between CHSA member agencies, universities, public sector partners, and philanthropy to create learning laboratories in order to build evidence in child welfare that will help the child welfare system achieve FFPSA goals.

Moderator: *Steve Anderson, Ph.D., Dean, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign School of Social Work*

Presenters

Allison Metz, Ph.D., Director, National Implementation Research Network, Senior Scientist, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, and Research Professor, UNC School of Social Work

Mark Testa, Ph.D., Spears-Turner Distinguished Professor, UNC School of Social Work

11:15 – 11:45 p.m. Closing Commitments

Brian Maness, Board Chair, Children's Home Society of America

David Bundy, President, Children's Home Society of America