

PHYSICIANS NETWORK

The Collaboration for Early Childhood

The Collaboration for Early Childhood is a model public-private partnership that leverages the resources of more than 60 local agencies to create a community-wide system of high-quality programs and services that foster physical, cognitive and social-emotional development during the critical first five years of life.

Key initiatives to advance our mission include:

Developmental Screening—The Collaboration works with area pediatricians and family practice physicians, child care providers and preschools to ensure all children birth to five receive periodic developmental screening. The Collaboration also provides hearing and vision screening to more than 1200 preschool children, and works with all providers to ensure that children who need further assessment and services receive them.

Parent Information and Support—The Collaboration seeks to ensure that every at-risk family is offered intensive parent education services, and that every parent has information and receives services they need to support their child's development.

Professional Development—Workshop series for staff at childcare centers and preschools, an annual symposium for providers and parents on key issues in early childhood, and developing a professional community that supports quality improvement through the Directors Round Table and Family Child Care Providers Round Table.

Supporting high-quality preschool for at-risk children—The Collaboration works with four agencies that receive public funds to provide preschool for at-risk children to ensure that these children and their families are engaged in the programs. It also facilitates collaborative curriculum planning and a shared learning community focused on instructional improvement.



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Gender Identity in Early Childhood

October 25, 2016

7:15 to 9:00am

Dominican University,
Priory Campus, Rm. 263



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The Physicians Network

Recognizing the unique role that doctors play in the lives of families with very young children, the Physicians Network was formed to work in partnership with the Collaboration to support early childhood development and literacy.

Doctors Rebecca Barbato, Rebecca Turk and Karen Walker founded the Physicians Network in 2008. Dr. Barbato continues to be involved and is a pediatrician in practice at Loyola Center for Health at North Riverside and is assistant professor in Pediatrics at Loyola University in Chicago—Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Walker also continues to lead this effort. She currently practices pediatrics at Pedigroup Associates in Oak Park and serves on the Executive Committee of ICAAP. Other steering committee members include: Catherine Amato, RN, M.Ed., Elizabeth Bethell, Ann Courter, JD, Melissa Ehmann, Shannon Ellison, M. Ed., Abigail Hodges, MD, Elizabeth Lippitt, MHSA, Michele Suedbeck, MS, Stephanie Weller, MD, and Rachel Wood, MAT, CCC-SLP/L.

We invite you to join the Physicians Network to help plan breakfast seminars on topics of interest and to help promote universal developmental screening in Oak Park and River Forest. For additional information, please contact the Network at info@collab4kids.org.

Program

Welcome: Carolyn Newberry Schwartz

Introduction of Speaker: Abigail Hodges, M.D.

Presenter: Jennifer Leininger, M.Ed., Program Manager

Jennifer Leininger, MEd, manages the Gender & Sex Development Program at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. As Program Manager, Jennifer leads community, policy and advocacy initiatives. She specializes in working with schools and organizations to be more inclusive of gender diversity. Jennifer continues to develop and implement educational sessions to support the inclusion of gender expansive youth and their families in their schools and communities. Since 2008, Jennifer has provided family-centered, patient support while working in Lurie Children's Division of Adolescent Medicine.

Questions and Answers

Evaluations and Feedback