



## 2008 Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Partners Meeting

Building Comprehensive Systems and Strengthening Families through Partnerships  
with a Focus on Family Support and Early Childhood Mental Health

### Agenda

**The Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel**  
20 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore Maryland

### March 13-14, 2008

#### Meeting Objectives:

- To discuss how meeting participants and their many other partners can best work together at the federal, state, and community levels to develop partnerships that will help build and sustain comprehensive early childhood systems to meet the needs of all children and families
- To share promising practices and ideas for strengthening partnerships across health, mental health (including substance abuse), family support (including child welfare), parenting education, and early childhood education
- To obtain input from state and community partners on how Federal agencies can remove obstacles to collaboration and foster partnerships that help build stronger, more comprehensive systems that will improve outcomes for children and families.

### Thursday, March 13

**1:30-2:00**      **Welcome and Description of the Meeting**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **Phyllis Stubbs**, Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Presenters: **Daniel C. Schneider**, Acting Assistant Secretary,  
Administration for Children and Families

**Peter van Dyck**, Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health,  
Health Resources and Services Administration

**Larke Nahme Huang**, Senior Advisor on Children,  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



**2:00-2:30 Plenary Session: Building Better Systems for Vulnerable Children and Families**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **Phyllis Stubbs**, Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Presenter: **Janice Cooper**, National Center for Children in Poverty

**2:30-3:20 Plenary Panel Session: Building Partnerships to Build Better Systems:  
An Example of How it is Being Done**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **Moniquin Huggins**, Child Care Bureau

Presenters: **Lorrie Grevstad**, Washington State ECCS Coordinator

**Joan Sharp**, Washington State CBCAP Coordinator

**Tory Clarke Henderson**, Child Development Specialist,  
Washington State Department of Health

**3:20-3:30 Preview of State Team Discussion I**  
*Calvert Room*

Presenter: **Jean McIntosh**, Center for the Study of Social Policy

**3:30-3:50 Break**

**3:50-5:10 State Team Discussion Session I: How Things Are**  
*See State Team Room Assignments*

State teams will meet in assigned rooms to continue discussions that began with the meeting prework. Team members will be asked to discuss where they currently are in creating a comprehensive early childhood system and where they need to go.

**5:10-5:30 Break**

**5:30- 5:55 Plenary Session: Bringing It Home: Strengthening Families, Centers, and Programs  
at the State and Community Levels**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **Carmen Bovell**, Office of Head Start

Presenter: **Judy Langford**, Center for the Study of Social Policy

**5:55-6:00 A Brief Recap and a Look Ahead to Tomorrow**  
*Calvert Room*

Presenter: **Jean McIntosh**, Center for the Study of Social Policy

## Friday, March 14

**7:00-8:00**      **Continental Breakfast**  
*Calvert Room*

**8:00-9:00**      **Plenary Panel Session: Building Bridges Between Services and Systems in Early Childhood Mental Health**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **David Devoursney**, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Presenters: **Roxane Kaufman**, National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health

**Therese Ahlers**, Director, Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health

**Sheri Falvay**, Mental Health Services to Children and Families, Department of Community Health, Michigan

**9:00-9:25**      **Plenary Session: Focusing on Prevention to Build Better Systems and Strengthen Families**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **Joe Zogby**, Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Presenter: **Darrell Armstrong**, Director, Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships, New Jersey

**9:25-9:30**      **Preview of Workshops and State Team Discussion II**  
*Calvert Room*

Presenter: **Jean McIntosh**, Center for the Study of Social Policy

**9:30-9:50**      **Break**

**9:50-11:00 Workshop Sessions**  
*See Workshop Session Location Information*

**1. Identifying and Addressing the Developmental Needs of Children Involved with the Child Protection System through Collaboration Between the Child Protection and Early Intervention Systems**

Moderator: **Jodi Anthony**, Altarum

Presenters: **Anita Scarborough**, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute,  
University of North Carolina

**Kate Roper**, Massachusetts

**Wendy Grove**, Ohio

**2. Collaborative Efforts Between ECCS and CBCAP Grantees**

Moderator: **Melissa Brodowski**, Children's Bureau

Presenters: **Loretta Fuddy**, **Keiko Nitta**, **Lynn Niitani**, Hawaii

**Lynne Brehm** and **Jenny Skala**, Nebraska

**3. Child Care Health Consultants: An Integral Part of Your Family Support System**

Moderator: **Marilyn Krajcek**, The National Resource Center for Health and Safety in  
Child Care and Early Education (NRC)

Presenters: **Patricia Fahey**, Healthy Child Care Consultant Network Support Center

**Marilyn Krajcek**, NRC

**Sandra Cianciolo**, The National Training Institute  
for Child Care Health Consultants

**Jeanne Anderson**, American Academy of Pediatrics

**4. Implementing Strengthening Families**

Moderator: **Judy Langford**, Center for the Study of Social Policy

Presenters: **Joanne Kelly** and **Kathy Goetz Wolf**, Illinois

**Jackie Counts**, Kansas

**5. Implementing Developmental and Mental Health Screening: Lessons from the ABCD Projects**

Moderator: **Jennifer May**, National Academy for State Health Policy, Moderator

Presenters: **Penny Knapp**, California

**Glenace Edwall**, Minnesota

**6. Family Systems Model of Care: The Work of SAMHSA's Women, Children, and Family Treatment Initiative**

Moderator: **Jackie Griffin Doherty**, Operation PAR, Inc., Pinellas Park, Florida

Presenters: **Nancy Hamilton**, Operation PAR, Inc., Pinellas Park, Florida

**Francine Feinberg**, Meta House, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Nancy Gottlieb**, Alcohol and Mental Health Services,  
Santa Barbara, California

**Kath Schilling**, Project WAVE on Cape Cod, Massachusetts

**7. Transforming State Mental Health Systems for Young Children**

Moderator: **Neal Horen**, National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health, Georgetown University

Presenters: **Al Zachik**, Maryland

**Marla Himmeger**, Ohio

**8. Spending Smarter: Finance Strategies for Promoting Social and Emotional Health and School Readiness**

Presenter: **TBA**

**11:00-11:20 Break**

**11:20-12:30 State Team Discussion Session II: How Things Could Change**  
*See State Team Room Assignments*

State teams will meet to discuss where they see opportunities for moving forward on systems building and what they need to have happen at the Federal/National, State, and Community Level in order to be successful at taking advantage of those opportunities.

**12:30-2:10 Lunch**  
*Calvert Room*

Moderator: **Melissa Brodowski**, Children's Bureau

*Presentation of the Ray Helfer Award for Outstanding Achievements and Dedication to the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*

Presented By: **Mary Ann Snyder**, President, Board of Directors,  
National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds

Presented To: **Dr. J. Robert Beshear**

*This award is given by the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds and the American Academy of Pediatrics*

## **Lunch Address: Infusing Mental Health Into an Early Childhood System of Care**

Lunch Speaker: **Charlie Biss**, Director of Children's Mental Health Services,  
Vermont State Department of Mental Health

### **2:10-3:20**      **Where Do We Go From Here? Recommendations from the Floor** *Calvert Room*

Facilitator: **Jean McIntosh**, Center for the Study of Social Policy

Using a modified World Café process, meeting participants will craft recommendations for future partnership efforts. Participants will break into small group roundtable discussions to address the questions:

- What has enabled us to move forward with building stronger early childhood systems to this point?
- What needs to change for us to move further along toward our goal of creating a comprehensive early childhood system that strengthens families and results in children who are healthy and ready to learn when they start school?

The groups will have a chance to share their recommendations at the end of the roundtable discussions and those recommendations will be used to guide the work of a collaborative effort among Federal agencies to address the needs of the early childhood (ages 0-5) population.

### **3:20-3:30**      **Next Steps and Closing Remarks** *Calvert Room*

**Larke Nahme Huang**, Senior Advisor on Children, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration