

# Children, Youth & Family Consortium

## CYFC Monthly

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#### It all comes back to relationships

To anyone who works with kids and families, this article's headline is hardly profound. However, despite their crucial importance, in the process of enhancing interdisciplinary work and practice, relationships are often the hardest to build and maintain. Researchers, practitioners, and policymakers alike often talk about the constraints of not knowing the right people, or how to make the connections with the experts they need to help them solve a problem at hand. Disconnect exists between the people and disciplines needed to solve the world's biggest problems. One of the main issues at the center of the research and policy gap is a matter of people not having relationships with one another (Bogenschneider & Corbett, 2010). Many academics struggle to name their own state legislative representatives, and many state legislators struggle to name a single person at their university who does research relevant to an upcoming piece of legislation.

At CYFC, we have endeavored over the last 20 years to facilitate ways to bridge those relationship gaps that exists across (and sometimes within) disciplines and careers. As members of the [University-Based Child and Family Policy Consortium](#), and with support from the [WT Grant Foundation](#), we are embarking on a partnership with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago in Illinois, and [Duke University](#) in North Carolina to convene a network of policymakers and researchers across these three states to discuss issues related to the intersection of child welfare and education systems in this country.

The importance of this issue is reflected in the recent passage of the Uninterrupted Scholars Act, federal legislation that amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The goal of the Uninterrupted Scholars Act is to facilitate information exchange between child welfare and education agencies. Access to information is an important step, but there is much work to be done in understanding how to integrate and use that information across national, state, county, and school systems in a way that ultimately leads to improvements for this vulnerable population of children and youth.

As a part of this effort, CYFC has invited a handful of participants from both local and state levels of policymaking in Minnesota to meet with participants from Illinois and North Carolina over the next 12-18 months via a series of conference calls and in-person meetings. It is our goal that through these efforts, relationships within and across states around this important issue will be created. We hope that the resulting network of participants will serve as a model for how to effectively bridge traditional relationship gaps in order to more effectively solve the most pervasive social problems we face today.

This project is in its very beginning stages. Though we have some ideas about the most important issues at the intersection of child welfare and education, we know there are many pressing issues and considerations that are worthy of discussion. To that end, we want to hear from you. In your experience as an educator, practitioner, social worker, county staff, state agency representative, policymaker, researcher; what are the most important topics and issues at the intersection of child welfare and education that you think should be addressed by this cross-state network? Tell us your thoughts via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [email](#). Each of you is

an expert. Your experiences and knowledge can help us create a dynamic and rich network that embraces the diversity in experiences of kids, families, and practitioners who face these issues every day.

Sara Langworthy, Ph.D.  
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## Consortium News

CYFC recently partnered with the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (MACMH) to host the Research to Practice training series at the Annual MACMH Conference. The topic for this year's series was [Managing Emotions in Teens: Responding to Dysregulation and Challenging Behaviors](#) with presentations from Dr. Bonnie Klimes-Dougan, Dr. Nimi Singh, and Dr. Anne R. Gearity.

Visit the Wonder Years exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota created as a partnership with CYFC. This exhibit is all about the science of early childhood development. Learn about brain architecture, social relationships, language development and children's play. Take a quick visit through our [virtual tour](#).

## University and Community Announcements

### **Healthy Generations — Life Course: Nurturing Early Growth and Development**

University of Minnesota Center for Leadership Education in Maternal & Child Public Health  
University of Minnesota faculty and practitioners are drawn upon for their expertise and experience in this maternal and child health publication. For this issue, topics such as the recession's impact on children, the science and brain development and evidence-based practices in early childhood mental health are featured.

### **Maladaptation and Resilience in Maltreated Children: A Multilevel Perspective**

Hennepin-University Partnership

Date: June 21, 2013

Time: 1:00 -2:30 p.m.

Location: Central Lutheran Church

333 South 12th Street

Minneapolis, MN 55404

The Hennepin-University Partnership will be hosting an event featuring Professor Dante Cicchetti, McKnight Presidential Chair in Child Psychology and Psychiatry on [June 21st](#). Professor Cicchetti will expand on his work around the multiple effects of child maltreatment and the resulting development of maladaptation, psychopathology, and resilience. He will share his research on preventive interventions to promote resiliency and will highlight the relevant social policies that could improve the lives of vulnerable children and families.

### **Mental Health, a Family Affair: How Managing Your Own Stress and Emotions Supports your Child's Health and Wellbeing**

Mom Enough Podcast

Stress, frustration or exhaustion can consume us making parenting more difficult. [Listen to Cheryl Lundsgaard](#) from St. David's Center for Child & Family Development discuss ways of reducing stress and managing feelings that benefit the whole family.

### **2013 FASD Matters Conference Request for Proposals and Exhibitors**

Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS)

The 2013 FASD matters conference: exploring the spectrum will be held November 14-15, 2013 in Brooklyn

Park, MN. [MOFAS](#) is looking for presenters to provide new information, ideas and solutions for families, agencies and systems to implement as well as exhibitors looking to reach family members, service providers and others interested in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

## Job Opportunities

[Children's Mental Health Therapist — People Incorporated](#)

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