

**Promoting What Works:
A Symposium of Approaches for Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents
May 18, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Washington, D.C.**

**Emerging and Promising Approaches: What does implementation really look like?
Session Biographies**

Keneca Boyce, Ph.D.

Senior Director of Program Development and Quality Assurance, Inwood House

Dr. Keneca Boyce is a walking billboard for maximizing opportunities and promoting change. She has spent the past twelve years cultivating her career in a variety of settings as a social work practitioner fulfilling several roles as an administrator, program developer, researcher, teacher, trainer, speaker and therapist; and has already made an impact in a number of communities. Shaped by a framework that acknowledges the value of evidence based informed practice and research, Dr. Boyce provides an interdisciplinary, comprehensive and holistic approach to training and designing programs. Her adaptation and enhanced utilization of a Theory of Change provides results through strategic organizational program planning. Sexual Health, including but not limited to HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy prevention and intervention, youth development, children and families and mental wellness, are a few areas in which Dr. Boyce has made substantial contributions.

As Senior Director of Program Development and Quality Assurance at Inwood House, she facilitates the design, implementation and evaluation of new program initiatives grounded in practice, research and policy, for pregnant and parenting teen families currently in the runaway-homeless and foster care system. She also manages the prevention portfolio, designed to creatively engage and empower youth to develop competencies and assets that will reduce the risk of unintended pregnancies as well as delay the onset of sexual activity. Dr. Boyce places a great deal of emphasis on evaluating the impact of these services, while continuously acting as a liaison to government, community coalitions and policy groups.

As a proud product of the New York City public school system, she graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Hofstra University. Dr. Boyce is a Licensed Master Social Worker with a concentration in research and has a Ph.D. in Social Work from Fordham University with a concentration in children and families.

Marc Clark, Ph.D.

**Director, Division of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs Administration for Children, Youth and Families
Family and Youth Services Bureau**

Dr. Marc D. Clark is the Director of the Division of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs at the Administration for Children (ACF), Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB). Dr. Clark is a school and community health educator who has trained lay and professional adult audiences, undergraduate

and graduate students, and youths in grades K-12 in health and education for more than two decades. After completing doctoral studies in education at the American University, School of Education, Teaching, and Health (SETH), he completed a post-doctoral fellowship focused on Special Education Leadership at the Howard University, School of Education. In 1998, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention selected him as a National Consultant on African Americans and AIDS. He co-convened a solicited session on health research and minority disparities at an American Public Health Association Annual meeting and presented on health research equity as a Sasakawa Young Leadership Fellow. He has directed federally funded projects and organized numerous data collection and evaluation efforts.

Melissa Maguire, M.S.

Director, Youth Shelter Network, The Night Ministry

Melissa Maguire has a Masters in Community Mental Health. She has 20 years of experience in youth and homeless service agencies. Her direct service experience includes crisis intervention, youth and family counseling to run away and at-risk youth and family education and counseling to youth and families in a residential treatment program. Her program development experience includes developing a shelter and community based program for pregnant and parenting homeless teen mothers and their children. Ms. Maguire created a staff and volunteer training program for those who serve homeless youth and developed a city wide training program for homeless service providers in Chicago. As Director of the Youth Shelter Network, she manages a program that provides shelter and community based case management services to pregnant and parenting youth and their children.

Pam Plummer, B.S.W.

Program Manager, Prevention Services/The Parent Center, Centers for Youth and Families

Pam Plummer serves as Project Director for the Centers for Youth and Families. She has worked at Centers for Youth and Families for more than fifteen years and holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Arkansas. She has worked with the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP) grants for more than ten years.

Bernadette Strode, M.A.

Principal, Polly T. McCabe Center

Bernadette Strode serves as principal of Polly T. McCabe Center, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT. She Received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Southern Connecticut State University in 1982, later received a Master of Arts in Education and then a Sixth Year Degree in Administrative Leadership. Ms. Strode has worked at the elementary, high school and college levels as both a teacher and administrator. In 2008, she was appointed by the Mayor of New Haven to sit on the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council. Ms. Strode serves as a board member for the Nurturing Families Network Dads Program. Recently, she and her school were featured in the February 27th issue of the Boston Globe.