

**Promoting What Works:
A Symposium of Approaches for Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents
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Washington, D.C.**

**Research to Practice: Applied Research Approaches for Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents
Session Biographies**

Kristine Andrews, Ph.D.

Research Scientist, Child Trends

Dr. Andrews combines a practitioner background as a marriage and family therapist with research methodological experience. Dr. Andrews has substantive experience in teen pregnancy prevention programs, qualitative research methods, survey development and program evaluation. Other recent work focuses on evidence-based programs and practices to promote positive youth development and prevent risky behavior. Her research interests include positive youth development, evidence based programs and practices, implementation and outcome evaluation, and early sexual activity and parenthood.

Trina Menden Anglin, M.D., Ph. D.

Chief, Adolescent Health Branch, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration

Trina Menden Anglin, M.D., Ph.D. is Chief of the congressionally mandated Adolescent Health Branch at the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, where she has worked since 1996. The mission of the Adolescent Health Branch is to provide national leadership in promoting the health, development, safety, and social and emotional well-being of all school-aged children, adolescents and young adults in the United States. Prior to her position at the Federal Government, Dr. Anglin was a member of the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland (1975-92), where she directed the adolescent medicine program at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital/MetroHealth Medical Center and co-founded the School of Medicines Center for Adolescent Health; and was a member of the faculty of the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, where she was responsible for teaching and training activities in adolescent medicine (1992-96). Dr. Anglin has had direct experience in developing and providing adolescent health services in a variety of hospital and community-based settings. She has multiple publications in areas relevant to adolescent and school health.

Sarah Avellar, Ph.D.

Senior Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research

Sarah Avellar is a Senior Researcher whose research interests include early childhood, education, and family support. Currently, she is a co-principal investigator for the Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Review. This project will conduct a thorough and transparent review of the home visiting research literature to provide guidance to states as they develop applications for the home visiting funds. The health care reform legislation includes funds for home visiting, with most of the funds going to evidence-based approaches.

Dr. Avellar is the Deputy Project Director of the National Title I Study of the Implementation and Outcomes: Early Childhood Language Development, a five-year project designed to identify school programs and teaching practices associated with the development of children's reading comprehension achievement in pre-kindergarten through third grade. The project will assess children's growth in language development and background knowledge and develop observational measures of teacher practices that are expected to support this development.

She also is involved in many aspects of the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC), which reviews and synthesizes scientific research on education, and leads the training and certification of WWC reviewers for group design standards. She is the deputy principal investigator in two areas: Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Education for Children with Disabilities. Avellar joined Mathematica in 2004. She is a reviewer for the Journal of Marriage and Family, Demography, Journal of Family Issues, and The Sociological Quarterly. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Michigan.

Beth Barnet, M.D.

Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Director of Research and Community Programs, University of Maryland

Beth Barnet, M.D. is Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Division of Research and Community Programs in the University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine. For over 20 years she has provided primary care to infants, children, adolescents, and adults in urban Baltimore and she is recognized as a researcher, educator, and program builder. During the past 15 years she has designed, conducted, and evaluated federally funded interventions and studies in clinic and community settings aimed at characterizing psychosocial risk factors and improving outcomes for socio-economically disadvantaged groups, in particular pregnant and parenting adolescents. Her rigorously evaluated programs have contributed to the evidence for what works to successfully decrease risk for rapid repeat adolescent birth. She has received over 11 million dollars in extramural research funding including a Robert Wood Johnson Generalist Physician faculty scholar award. Her work has had influence in several areas of family medicine: 1) the impact of home visiting on the health and mental health of adolescent parents; 2) development of community-based programs for vulnerable adolescents and the rigorous evaluation of such programs; and 3) health behavior change strategies such as motivational interviewing and promotion of patient self-care to help reduce risky health behaviors. She is active in efforts to promote health care systems redesign - called the Patient Centered Medical Home - that promote evidence-based, population-oriented, and patient-centered care for health promotion, disease prevention, and care of chronic conditions.

Lee Savio Beers, M.D.

Project Director, Children's Research Institute, Children's National Medical Center

Dr. Lee Savio Beers is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Children's National Medical Center and The George Washington University Medical Center. She is the Director of the Healthy Generations Program, a "teen-tot" program providing comprehensive medical care, case management, and mental health services to adolescent parents and their children. Dr. Beers received a Bachelor's of Science from The College of William and Mary and her Medical Degree from Emory University School of Medicine. She completed a pediatric residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. Before coming to Children's Hospital, she worked as a general pediatrician at Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay in Cuba and National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. She is a graduate of the George Washington

University Graduate School of Education and Human Development Master Teacher Certificate in Medical Education Program. She has additionally held numerous local and national leadership positions in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Paul Florsheim, Ph. D.

Associate Professor and Chair, School of Public Health, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Dr. Paul Florsheim is Associate Professor and Chair in the School of Public Health at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Utah, Associate Professor of Social Work at and a licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Florsheim has conducted clinical research with hard-to-reach, at-risk adolescents in Chicago, Salt Lake City, Milwaukee, and the Republic of Palau in Micronesia. He received his doctorate from Northwestern University and his master's degree from the University of Chicago and has 20 years of experience working to retain youth in longitudinal studies.

Janice Key, M.D.

Professor of Pediatrics and Director, Division of Adolescent Medicine; Department of Pediatrics, The Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. Janice Key is a Professor of Pediatrics and the Division Director of Adolescent Medicine at The Medical University of South Carolina. She received her undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed her residency training at Boston Children's Hospital. She is board certified in pediatrics and adolescent medicine. Dr. Key joined the Medical University of South Carolina in 1991 when she founded the program in adolescent medicine.

Community and clinical research projects conducted by Dr. Key have included evaluation of school-based health care, adolescent smoking cessation programs, primary and secondary teen pregnancy prevention programs, interventions for at-risk middle school students, and obesity treatment and prevention. These community obesity prevention efforts include creation of the Lean Team and the Boeing Center for Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles in Children and Families. As a result of these community projects, Dr. Key is the author on more than 50 manuscripts and abstracts and has made numerous local, state and national presentations.

Dr. Key has served on local and national committees including the Executive Committee for the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Adolescent Health, the Charleston County Medical Society School Health Committee and Executive Committee. She was a founding member of the Charleston County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. She has received several teaching awards, the MUSC Distinguished Service Faculty Award, the Charleston County Medical Society Wannamaker Community Service Award, and the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Vincent Outstanding Professional Award. She has been included in Best Doctors in America since 1998 and in the 2008 Guide to America's Top Pediatricians.

Joseph Telfair, Dr.P.H., M.S.W., M.P.H.

Professor and Director, Center for Social, Community and Health Research and Evaluation, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Dr. Telfair is currently a Professor of Public Health Research and Practice. He is a faculty member in the Department of Public Health Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and directs the University's Center for Social, Community and Health Research and Evaluation. Presently, Dr. Telfair has an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Maternal and Child Health with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Public Health. Dr. Joseph Telfair received his dual degree of MSW/MPH from the University of California at Berkeley. He later graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health as a Doctor of Public Health, followed by a post-doctorate in Psychosocial Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He serves as an evaluation consultant and advisor on numerous local, state and federal projects and is currently serving on several public health, genetics, and research advisory committees for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and several national Non-Governmental Agencies (NGOs). Some of his expertise include community-based and community-oriented program evaluation and research; development and evaluation of intervention programs designed to prevent engagement in/continuation of risky behaviors (sexual, drug use, crime) among adolescents and adult diverse populations; culturally competent research and evaluation; health practice, research, program evaluation, and policy issues of women, teens and children with chronic conditions (and their families); issues of access to, and utilization of, health care for the poor, people of color and persons in rural areas; and social and community aspects of HIV/AIDS Research and evaluation; and teaching using Socratic and Critical Thinking methodologies.