

14th Annual Early Childhood Mental Health Conference - We Can't Wait

Re-imagining Prevention and Early Intervention in Communities of Hope

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Hybrid Event

Keynote Speakers



Kate Rosenblum, PhD, ABPP is a clinical and developmental psychologist and holds dual appointments as a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan. She co-directs the Women and Infants Mental Health Program, the Infant and Early Childhood Clinic, and Zero to Thrive, a program focused on promoting the health and resilience of families with young children facing adversity through research, training, and service. In collaboration with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services she is the lead evaluator of a multi-site statewide evaluation of infant mental health home visiting services, encompassing several studies including several community-based pre-post trials as well as a university-based randomized controlled trial. Her expertise in parenting, maternal mental health, and infant-parent interventions is nationally recognized. She is the current President of the Board of the international organization the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health. She has published over 140 peer-reviewed articles and chapters and has been funded by NIH as a PI or Co-I continuously for more than 15 years. Visit www.zerotothrive.org



Maria Musik, MD, MSc is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Obstetrics & Gynecology and serves as the Medical Director of the Perinatal Psychiatry Program at Michigan Medicine, the Medical Director for MC3 Perinatal, a state-wide perinatal access program to primary care, public health nursing, community mental health and other health providers, and co-director of Zero to Thrive. Dr. Musik also serves as Principal or Co-Investigator on multiple projects funded by the National Institute of Health, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services-Administration for Children and Families, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid in Michigan. In 2018, she co-edited the book *Motherhood in the Face of Trauma: Pathways Towards Healing and Growth* and she has co-developed the Strong Roots Curricula, a series of interventions for parents and other caregivers to foster caregivers' reflective capacity and enhance their sensitive caregiving and benefit the wellness and health of young children. Dr. Musik is highly published with over 140 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Visit www.zerotothrive.org



Robert Sege, MD, PhD, FAAP is a pediatrician and director of the Center for Community-Engaged Medicine at Tufts Medical Center, and a Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Sege is nationally known for his research on effective health systems approaches that directly address the social determinants of health. He is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Policy in Washington and serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Children’s Trust and Prevent Child Abuse America. He has served on the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP) Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect as well as the AAP Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention. He is a graduate of Yale College, received his PhD from MIT and his MD from Harvard Medical School, and is board-certified in Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics. Bob lives in the Boston area, where he and his wife raised their three children. Visit: www.positiveexperience.org



Aimee Zeitz, LMFT has over twenty years of experience in non-profit leadership, built on a foundation of strategic partnerships and authentic collaboration. In 2017, she joined the YMCA Childcare Resource Service, a social services branch of the YMCA of San Diego County. She currently serves as the Regional Director of Strategic Advancement, supporting programs across the agency in providing comprehensive, family-centered services as well as oversight of multiple early childhood mental health programs. She also serves as the Project Director for Partners in Prevention, a local collaborative effort to increase child and family wellbeing and prevent child abuse and neglect. Aimee attended Smith College, earning her BA in Anthropology, followed by her master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from San Diego State University. Visit: www.ymcasd.org



Kimberly Giardina, DSW, MSW, has been in the field of child welfare for over 20 years. She holds a Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Southern California and has consulted at the national, state, and local levels. Dr. Giardina served as the Acting Director of Child Welfare Services in San Diego County for over 4 years and has recently been appointed Director of the new Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB) at the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency which will integrate the First 5 Commission of San Diego and Child Welfare Services, along with the childcare system and other essential resources for families, to re-imagine prevention and protection services to create a partnership that will shift our traditional approach to child protection. The vision is to provide family strengthening and prevention services to families in a more holistic and integrated way, through keeping families together, holding the family’s voice as the expert in how to best keep their children safe, and reducing unnecessary child protective actions that have historically harmed and separated families.

