



Picture a Brighter Future for Oklahoma Children



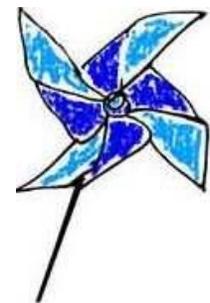
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Lemonade for Life - Presenters



Jacqueline Counts, MSW, Ph.D.
Director of the Center for Public Partnerships
and Public Service at the University of Kansas
Achievement and Assessment Institute



Rebecca Gillam, LMSW, PhD.
Assistant Director, University of Kansas
Center for Public Partnerships & Research

Dr. Jacqueline Counts received her training at the University of California—Berkeley and the University of Kansas. Prior to returning to the University of Kansas, she was the Region VII Project Officer for the Early Childhood Health and Development Branch of the Maternal Child Health Bureau of Health Resources and Services Administration. She has been the principal investigator on numerous early childhood, systems-building, accountability and evaluation projects, including the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems evaluation, Project LAUNCH, Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect, several National Governor's Association early childhood grants, and others. She is also very interested in complexity theory and collective impact work and initiating small changes that can lead to big changes.



Dr. Rebecca Gillam has over 15 years of social service experience, including direct services, project management, and evaluation. She has facilitated and evaluated interagency collaboration at both the state and local levels, primarily in the area of early childhood.

Dr. Gillam has served as the evaluator for Lemonade for Life, a curriculum developed through a Kansas-Iowa partnership focused on translating the Adverse Childhood Experiences research to practice.

Keynote Address - Presenter



Jim Seymour
Executive Director
Catholic Community Services and
Catholic Community Services Foundation
Salem, Oregon

Known for his passion, vision and relentless pursuit of change to empower vulnerable children, adults and families, Jim leads Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Coast (CCS). During his tenure, CCS has grown from three small programs employing 20 staff members and serving 200 vulnerable children and their families each year to an organization providing twenty programs, employing 400 community members and serving nearly 2,000 vulnerable children, youth, adults and their families each year.

Jim also leads Catholic Community Services Foundation (CCSF). CCSF exists to provide high quality affordable housing, to advocate for public policy that supports the populations served by CCS and to assure that Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Coast is financially sustained into the future.

A recognized leader of social services innovation, Jim holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Lewis and Clark College. He serves on the Harvard University Frontiers of Innovation Site Advisory Council, the Marion County Early Learning Hub board of directors and the Yamhill County Early Learning Council. He has served on numerous other state and local boards and committees including the Oregon Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, the Oregon Alliance of Children's programs board of directors, the Marion County Health Department Advisory Board, and the Marion County Children and Families Commission. He received the Oregon Alliance of Children's Program's Diamond Award for Leadership, and was twice selected citizen of the year by the Oregon Association of Child Care Workers. Jim is married and has seven children and 16 grandchildren.



Nurturing Relationships First - Presenter

**Amy Huffer,
LCSW, IMH-E (IV-C)**



Amy Huffer graduated with her Masters in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma. While pursuing her social work clinical licensure, she specialized in working with children under the age of three years.

She coordinated the state's only Diagnostic Nursery where psychiatry residents and fellows evaluated children under the age of 5. She also provided child care mental health consultation and eventually became the state trainer for that program.

After a three year hiatus where she worked with patients with chronic kidney disease, she is now serving as Oklahoma's Early Childhood Trainer and Consultant where she will support the child care mental health consultation network and help to strengthen the infant and early childhood workforce in Oklahoma while pursuing her Doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

Ms. Huffer has also been endorsed by the Oklahoma Association for Infant Mental Health as an Infant Mental Health Mentor, is Board President of OK-AIMH and will be participating in an intensive study of reflective practice throughout 2015.



Getting the Most from Social Media - Presenter

Casey Cornett
Directory of Social Media
VI Marketing and Branding



“Casey Cornett has been using social media for business strategies since 2008 while working in public relations, and has been full-time in social media since 2011 when he joined VI Marketing and Branding to begin the company's new social media department. Since that time, social media has evolved drastically both in the offerings, platforms and the consumption habits of the billion+ people on social channels. Cornett has always stayed on the forefront of social platform changes, and knows how to make the most out of the hours spent in making social efforts effective.

When not "plugged in," you can find Casey at Oklahoma City Thunder games working as a member of the stats crew or visiting many of the downtown Oklahoma City local districts. He has a love for downtown Oklahoma City, all urban landscapes and traveling the world, but most of all... his wife Marek and their two oversized lazy dogs Bogart and Roscoe.”

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You May Be What They Were Then - (A look at your family through the use of a genogram) - Presenter



Kaye Sears

B.S. Vocational Home Economics/University of Oklahoma, 1961
M.Ed. Education: Emphasis; Child Development/Nutrition
Ed.D. Higher Education: Family Relations and Child Development

General Information

Professor and Academic Coordinator for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
Completed 39 years full time teaching at UCO and 3 years adjunct
Child Study Center Administrator, Human Environmental Sciences Department, 1978-2002
Kickapoo Head Start Regional Training Center - Coordinator and Trainer for Parent Education and Nutrition Programs, 1966-1975
Oklahoma State Department of Health-Maternal and Child Health Division
Credentials LMFT, Certified Family Life Educator, Certified Child and Parenting Specialist

Professional and Research Interests

Using genograms to understand the role of the family in the development of a person
Relationships
Teach differences between guidance and punishment.
Understand losses of different types.
Father's role in the family today
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Professional Affiliations/Positions

Oklahoma Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
Certified Family Life Educator
National Association for the Education of Young Children;
Oklahoma Association for the Education of Young Children; 1st President (1972)
Southern Early Childhood Association
Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma; Past President/Distinguished Service Award
National Council on Family Relations; Oklahoma Council on Family Relations; Past President/Professional of the Year 1993
Oklahoma Family Resource Coalition
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society

Awards

- "Modeling the Way" Award, presented by the Provost, 2013
- Mace Bearer for Commencement, Fall 2012
- Distinguished Achievement Award Oklahoma Council on Family Relations 2013
- Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Program, presented by the Oklahoma Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, Spring 2012
- Vanderford Distinguished Teacher Award, 2007
- Neely Excellence in Teaching Award, 2002
- OICA Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004
- Professional of the Year, Oklahoma Council on Family Relations 1993
- Distinguished Service to Young Children and Their Families Award for Outstanding Service, Oklahoma Association on Children Under Six 1991

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Oklahoma Success! Circle of Parents

A Community Assisted Parent Support Group - Presenter

Dr. Jane Humphries
Program Coordinator of Child Development Services
Child Guidance
Oklahoma State Department of Health



Dr. Jane Humphries experience in the early care and education field has included being a child care director, child and parenting specialist, college instructor, researcher, and program administrator of the professional development initiatives in Oklahoma.

She has earned undergraduate degrees in family and child development, a master's degree in early childhood education, and a doctoral degree in occupational and adult education from Oklahoma State University.

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Set Up to Fail: Barriers to Exiting Poverty (*and a few bright spots*) - Presenter

Carly Putnam
Oklahoma Policy Institute



Carly Putnam joined OK Policy as a full-time policy analyst in January of 2014. She previously worked as an OK Policy intern.

A Kansas City native, she graduated from the University of Tulsa in December 2013 with a BA in Sociology in Women's and Gender Studies.

With Gene Perry, she compiles "In The Know", a daily news brief. Her work at OK Policy focuses on health care, poverty, inequality, and race and gender. She can be reached at cputnam@okpolicy.org.



Closing Address - Presenter



Charlyn Harper Browne, PhD
Center for the Study of Social Policy

Charlyn Harper Browne is a Senior Associate at the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP). At CSSP, Dr. Browne has served as Project Director of the National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood and is a member of two other project teams: the “Strengthening Families Initiative” and the “Youth Thrive—Healthy Adolescent Development and Well-Being” project. In both cases, she is primarily responsible for synthesizing and contributing to the research base that is foundational to the projects.

Prior to joining CSSP, Browne served as a college professor and administrator for 32 years teaching in undergraduate psychology departments and graduate counseling departments. Her educational background includes extensive post-graduate studies in clinical child and family psychology after earning a doctoral degree in early childhood education. Also, she holds a master’s degree in educational psychology and a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Among her achievements, Browne was honored by ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families as a 2007-2009 Leaders for the 21st Century Fellow and by the Educational Testing Service as a Visiting Minority Scholar.

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