

Raising Healthy Children: Recent Evidence from Developmental Science

Speaker Biosketches

Kenneth A. Dodge, Ph.D., is the William McDougall Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke University. He directs the Duke Center for Child and Family Policy, which is devoted to finding solutions to problems facing youth in contemporary society, through research, policy engagement, service, and education. Professor Dodge earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Duke University in 1978. He conducts research on the development and prevention of antisocial behavior in children and families and public policy to enhance children's social development. He has been honored with the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from the American Psychological Association, the Boyd McCandless Award, the Science to Practice Award from the Society for Prevention Research, and the Senior Scientist Award from the National Institutes of Health.

Barbara H. Fiese, Ph.D., is the Pampered Chef Endowed Chair in Family Resiliency and Professor of Human and Community Development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She directs the Family Resiliency Center, which is dedicated to advancing knowledge and practices that strengthen families' abilities to meet life's challenges and thrive. She is considered one of the national experts in the role that shared family mealtimes may play in promoting health during early childhood and the elementary school years. She is the current Co-chair of the Society for Research in Child Development's Communication and Policy Committee and President-elect of the American Psychological Association's Society for Family Psychology. She is co-Principal Investigator of the Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program, an innovative PhD/MPH program that integrates nutrition, physical activity, public health science, family science, human development, and economics, to prevent childhood obesity.

Nancy G. Guerra, Ed.D., is a Professor of Clinical/Developmental Psychology at the University of Delaware, and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to this she was a Professor of Psychology at the University of California at Riverside and Director of the Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2000-2011). Dr. Guerra's work emphasizes translational research focused on understanding and preventing youth aggression and violence, at-risk, vulnerable, and marginalized youth, and integrating positive development and core competencies with prevention of risk behaviors. Her efforts have involved projects in the U.S. and internationally, including a recent multi-year study of individual and community level youth violence prevention programs in Jamaica funded by The World Bank. Dr. Guerra has served on numerous study groups, panels, and advisory committees including the President's Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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Vonnie C. McLoyd, Ph.D., is the Ewart A. C. Thomas Collegiate Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She received a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of Michigan and post-doctoral training at Stanford University. Dr. McLoyd's research and publications focus on the impact of economic stress and work-related transitions on family life and children's development, the mediators and moderators of these impacts, and the implications of research on these issues for both practice and policy. She has written extensively about methodological and conceptual issues in the study of African American children and families and has a longstanding interest in how race, ethnicity, and culture shape child socialization and development. Dr. McLoyd's scholarly work has been recognized by awards from the National Council on Family Relations, the William T. Grant Faculty Scholar Program, the MacArthur Foundation, and Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues) of the American Psychological Association.

Martha Zaslow, Ph.D., is Director of the Office for Policy and Communications of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) and a Senior Scholar at Child Trends. As Director of SRCD's Office for Policy and Communications, Dr. Zaslow facilitates the dissemination of research to decision-makers and the broader public through briefings, research briefs, and press releases. She keeps the SRCD membership apprised of social policy and science policy developments related to children and families. She also directs the SRCD Policy Fellowship program. As a Senior Scholar at Child Trends, Dr. Zaslow conducts research focusing on the development of young children and programs and policies to support their development. She serves on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation, on the Advisory Council for Child Care and Early Education Research Connections, and on the Planning Committee for Head Start's Research Conference.