

The Social Service Workforce and the Practice of Working With Vulnerable Children and Families

9:00am-9:15am

Introductions and Welcome, LL103, Hammer Building

9:15am to 10:30am

Panel 1: Learning About Measuring the Social Service Workforce from the Experience of Other Social Sectors

Moderated by: **Jessica Rose**, Senior Technical Advisor for Monitoring and Evaluation, Health Systems Strengthening Team, USAID

Presentations by:

- **Jim McCaffery**, Senior Advisor, CapacityPlus and Training Resources Group
- **Helen de Pinho**, Assistant Professor of Population and Family Health at Mailman and Associate Director, Averting Maternal Death and Disability Program
- **Jane Spinak**, Edward Ross Aranow Clinical Professor of Law at Columbia University and the co-founder of the Child Advocacy Clinic

10:45am to 12pm

Panel 2: The State of the Evidence Concerning Social Service Workforce Strengthening

Moderated by: **Maury Mendenhall**, Senior Technical Advisor, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, USAID, Office of HIV/AIDS

Presentations by:

- **Joan Zlotnik**, Director, Social Work Policy Institute, National Association of Social Workers
- **Rebecca Davis**, Associate Professor at Rutgers School of Social Work and Director, Center for International Social Work Studies
- **Mari Hickmann**, Monitoring & Evaluation Program Advisor at Futures Group International
- **Mark Preston**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Columbia University School of Social Work

12pm to 1:15pm

Lunch, 8th floor atrium of the Allan Rosenfeld Building

1:15pm to 2:30pm

Panel 3: University Research and Training Partnerships for Faculty Development

8th floor auditorium, Allan Rosenfeld Building

Moderated by: **Mette Christiansen**, Director, Concentration in Human Services in the Department of Sociology, New Paltz State University of NY

Presentations by:

- **Martha Haffey**, Director, Building Professional Social Work, and retired Associate Professor from the Hunter College School of Social Work of the City University of New York
- **Martha Bragin**, Associate Professor at Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, and Chair, Global Social Work and Practice with Immigrants and Refugees
- **Tina Maschi**, Associate Professor at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service and Founder and Executive Director, Be the Evidence Project

2:30 to 3:00pm

General discussion and wrap-up

Measuring the Immeasurable: Building the Evidence Necessary for Effective Child Protection and Family Welfare Policies and Programs

Recognizing that the international child protection and family welfare sector frequently lacks robust evidence and methods of measuring or conceptualizing difficult-to-capture or sensitive data, the Child Protection in Crisis (CPC) Learning Network strives to undertake the innovative research necessary to build the evidence base to affect change in child protection policy and practice. A pre-requisite of building this evidence base is the establishment of effective, appropriate and valid tools and methods for use in assessments and evaluations. The CPC Learning Network will bring together the coalitions of researchers in a symposium series to discuss the state of the evidence concerning international child protection and family welfare.

CHILD PROTECTION IN CRISIS LEARNING NETWORK

CPC Learning Network undertakes innovative research and builds evidence to affect change in child protection policy and practice. The Network was established in 2008 as a mechanism to strengthen and systematize child care and protection through the collaborative action of humanitarian agencies, local institutions, and academic partners. The CPC Network includes agencies working on child protection learning, research, policy advocacy and training initiatives in more than a dozen countries. Local learning networks are active in Indonesia, Liberia, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Burkina Faso, and Columbia.

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GLOBAL SOCIAL SERVICE WORKFORCE ALLIANCE

The Global Social Service Workforce Alliance works toward a world where a well-planned, well-trained and well-supported social service workforce effectively delivers promising practices that improve the lives of vulnerable populations. The mission of the Alliance is to promote the knowledge and evidence, resources and tools and political will and action needed to address key social service workforce challenges, especially within low- to middle-income countries.

<http://www.socialserviceworkforce.org/>

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