

The State of the Evidence on Children's Care

*A Better Care Network and CPC Learning Network Symposium
New York University's Silver School of Social Work
41 East 11th Street, 7th Floor, Room 741
September 24th 2014, 9am – 4pm*

On September 24, the Better Care Network and the CPC Learning Network will co-host a one-day symposium entitled "The State of the Evidence on Children's Care." This symposium will bring together a number of leading academics, policymakers, and practitioners involved in the development or implementation of key initiatives to better measure issues of children's care at country, regional, or international levels. The symposium topics will address three specific areas of research on children's care:

1. Efforts to measure trends in family composition and children's care and living arrangements;
2. Initiatives to measure the impact of policies and programs to strengthen families and to ensure children's ability to be raised in a family environment; and
3. Measurement of situations and outcomes concerning children outside of family care and children in alternative care arrangements.

Panelists include:

- **Jeannie Annan**, director of research and evaluation at the International Rescue Committee, presenting the results of several evaluations of parenting programs in Liberia, Burundi, and Thailand;
- **Deborah Daro**, senior research fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, speaking about effective prevention programs, including home visitation, in the United States;
- **Florence Martin**, Senior Policy and Knowledge Management Adviser, Better Care Network, speaking about the use of DHS and MICS, including family care indicators;
- **Andrew Muriuki**, University of Wisconsin researcher, presenting a study on the effectiveness of a community caregiver model in Côte d'Ivoire;
- **Mónica Ruiz-Casares**, assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and at the Centre for Research on Children and Families at McGill University, speaking about a Knowledge Attitudes Practice (KAP) survey in Liberia;
- **Mindy Scott**, senior research scientist at Child Trends, speaking about the World Family Map project;
- **Lindsay Stark**, assistant professor at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and director of the CPC Learning Network, sharing learning about efforts to enumerate the number of children outside of family care in Cambodia and the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- **Joan Townsend**, U.S. country director at Retrak, speaking about efforts to measure the wellbeing of street-connected children who are reintegrated; and
- **Fred Wulczyn**, senior research fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, presenting learning about the foster care system in the United States.

The symposium will be held at **New York University's Silver School of Social Work**:
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