

Twenty-Sixth Annual IUN Forum on Child Abuse & Neglect Raising Northwest Indiana

Friday, April 29, 2016 ~ 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Central Time)
Bergland (Savannah Center) Auditorium ~ Indiana University Northwest
Live at www.indiana.edu/~video/stream/liveflash.html?filename=iunims

8:15 – 9:00 Pre-Registrant Sign In/On-Site Registration – Donuts and coffee available – Networking

9:00 *Welcome and Introduction* – Elizabeth Guzman-Arredondo, Calumet College of St. Joseph
Marshelia Harris, IUN School of Social Work
Chancellor William Lowe, Indiana University Northwest

9:15 *Keynote Address – Preventing Adversity is Necessary but Not Sufficient:
Setting a New Agenda for All Children to Thrive*
Renée Boynton-Jarrett – Pediatrician, Boston Medical Center and
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine

10:45-12:00 *Workshop Session I*

1. Renée Boynton-Jarrett – It Takes a Village: The Vital Village Network
2. Sandy Kauffman and panel – Early Childhood Initiatives and Challenges
3. Carol Pool – Child Abuse 102: The Impact of Violence on Young Children
4. Jose Bustos and panel – Raising NWI's Immigrants: Legal and Social Services Issues
5. Kimberly Smith and Wendy Hensley – Parenting Northwest Indiana's Children
6. Tom Branson – Confronting Childhood PTSD: A discussion

12:00 *Lunch Break / Networking*

1:00-2:15 *Workshop Session II*

7. Judge Thomas Stefaniak and panel – Raising NWI: Local Officials' Perspectives
8. Carol Pool – Bullying and Peer Aggression: Notes and Prevention Strategies
9. Elizabeth Guzman-Arredondo – Trauma-Informed Care: Knowledge Building
10. Chris White, Eddie Melton, and Kimberly Smith-- Are We Crazy About Our Kids?
11. Christina Hale and Monica Solinas-Saunders – Sexual Assault and Indiana Teens
12. Judith Stanton and Renée Hatcher – Legal Services for Children and Families

2:30 *Closing Plenary [Bergland (Savannah Center) Auditorium]*

*Presentation of Prevent Child Abuse Lake County's (PCALC) Annual Dr. Richard W. Hug
Cherish the Children Award*

*Presentation of a Special Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. James Hmurovich, President,
Prevent Child Abuse America and Remarks by Mr. Hmurovich*

4:00 *Adjourn*

This is an IUN School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) Public Service Month event.

Program Notes ~ Twenty-Sixth Annual IUN Forum on Child Abuse and Neglect

This year's theme, Raising Northwest Indiana, was inspired by the Raising of America (ROA) documentary series introduced at last year's forum and recently seen on public television. This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Renée Boynton-Jarrett, the "star" of the Signature Hour of the series, will carry the message of the series: the importance of investing in children and families, the role of early learning, and the effects of trauma on the young.

At least eight workshops are particularly in tune with the theme. Keynoter Dr. Boynton-Jarrett follows her presentation with a workshop on her work in Boston with the Vital Village Network, a community effort to prevent childhood adversity. Sandy Kauffman of Geminus, Inc. and his colleagues will detail current efforts to improve early learning and the quality of day care in the region. Judge Thomas Stefaniak will lead a panel of local officials addressing the raising of Northwest Indiana. Jose Bustos of Casa Santo Toribio and a panel of service providers for immigrants will address the special problems their families face. Chris White, Publisher of the Times Media Company and co-chair of the Board of One Region joins a panel discussion of *Are We Crazy About Our Kids?*, a powerful ROA video that tells the story of inadequate public and private spending for children and families in the US. Another compelling ROA video, *Confronting Childhood PTSD*, challenges human service professionals to ask "What happened to this child?" and respond accordingly. Elizabeth Guzman-Arredondo's workshop, Trauma-Informed Care, and Carol Pool's Child Abuse 102 move the discussion of this issue even further.

Dr. Renée Boynton-Jarrett

Keynote Address: Preventing Adversity is Necessary but Not Sufficient: Setting a New Agenda for All Children to Thrive

This presentation will review the impact of early life adversities on a person's health and developmental trajectory over the life course. It will outline the impact of adversity on brain development, social relationships and functioning. Finally, the presentation will suggest strategies to build community capacity using the collective impact approach -- capacities which will promote family protective factors, develop resilience of children who have faced adversity, and prevent future adversities.

Renée Boynton-Jarrett, a leading voice in the recently released *Raising of America* video series, is a practicing primary care pediatrician at Boston Medical Center. She is also a social epidemiologist and the founding director of the Vital Village Community Engagement Network. Through the Vital Village Network, she is supporting the development of community-based strategies to promote child well-being in three Boston neighborhoods. She joined the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine in 2007 and is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics. She received her AB from Princeton University, her MD from Yale School of Medicine, ScD in Social Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health, and completed residency in Pediatrics at

Johns Hopkins Hospital. Her work focuses on the role of early-life adversities as life course social determinants of health. She has a specific interest in the intersection of community violence, intimate partner violence, and child abuse and neglect and neighborhood characteristics that influence these patterns.

Closing Plenary

This year's closing plenary will feature a tribute to Hammond resident **James Hmurovich**, a longtime friend of the Forum who is retiring as President and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America. Jim will accept Prevent Child Abuse Lake County's (PCALC) Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to Indiana and the nation and give us his thoughts on the future of the child abuse prevention movement. PCALC will also present its annual Cherish the Children award at this session.

Workshop Session I – 10:45 AM to 12 Noon

1. It takes a Village: The Vital Village Network, Addressing Community Trauma, and Connecting Systems of Care to Improve Child Wellbeing

Renée Boynton-Jarrett, Keynote speaker (see other titles and biography above)

This workshop will discuss strategies for mobilizing communities by engaging families and community-based agencies in coordinated efforts to build collective will and actions to prevent childhood adversity. The Vital Village Network uses a collective impact approach to improve community systems in order to support setting-level improvements that enhance family and community protective factors and ultimately prevent and mitigate childhood adversities and promote optimal wellbeing. This workshop will also review data sharing systems and barriers and challenges to operating as a backbone agency.

2. Raising Northwest Indiana: Early Childhood Initiatives, Challenges, and Opportunities

Sandy Kauffman, President and CEO, Geminus Corporation

Kofi Darku, Director of Statewide Outreach, Partnership for Early Learners, Early Learning Indiana

Kim Olesker, CEO, Porter County United Way and member, Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee

Karen Carradine, Vice President -- Head Start, Geminus Corporation

Deborah Hartzler, Director of Early Learning Connection / Child Care R&R, Geminus Corporation

This session will focus on the current state of accessible, affordable, high quality child care and early learning resources in northwest Indiana. The panel will review current initiatives, challenges, and expansion opportunities and highlight the importance of local and state-wide coalition building to success in the future.

3. *Child Abuse 102: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Children

Carol Pool, Prevention Education Specialist, Prevent Child Abuse Indiana

This session, back by popular demand from last year, focuses on the consequences of violence, specifically domestic violence, on children. Topics include how to respond to disclosures from children, how to integrate and adapt prevention activities, and how to incorporate national standards for prevention of abuse and neglect into human service programming.

* A version of this workshop was presented at last year's forum

4. Raising Northwest Indiana's Immigrants: Legal and Social Services Issues

Jose Bustos, Director, ISAAC, (Immigrant Support and Assistance Center) Casa Santa Toribio
Linda Munos, Caseworker, ISAAC, Casa Santa Toribio
Sophia Arshad, Attorney / Managing Partner, Arshad, Pangere and Warring LLP

Raising children in an unfamiliar country presents special challenges, particularly for the undocumented. This session features a panel of experienced legal and social services providers and advocates who share their knowledge of the current situation in northwest Indiana.

5. Parenting Northwest Indiana's Children

Kimberly Smith, Executive Director, Early Learning Partnership of Northwest Indiana
Wendy Hensley, Director of Programs, Mental Health America of Lake County

This session will explore the role of parents in creating a nurturing learning environment for their children and the role parents can have in advocacy. The presenters will review the process of strengthening protective factors in families and show how the presence of protective factors positively impacts the child and the community.

6. *Confronting Childhood PTSD in Northwest Indiana: A Discussion

Tom Branson, Project Director – Lake County Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

This session, back again this year by popular demand, features the showing of the powerful PBS/*Raising of America* documentary, *Wounded Places: Confronting Childhood PTSD in America's Shell-Shocked Cities*. Mr. Branson and a local therapist will give their reaction to the video and lead the discussion of its relevance to and implications for northwest Indiana.

Workshop Session II – 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

7. Raising Northwest Indiana: Local Officials' Perspectives

Thomas P. Stefaniak, Jr., Senior Judge -- Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division
Dr. Janet Seabrook, Chief Executive Officer, Community HealthNet
Ms. Peggy Buffington, Superintendent, Hobart Schools

This session provides an opportunity to visit with key local officials who share their views on the challenges of raising Northwest Indiana's children and the opportunities for improving their lot. The discussion will feature key juvenile justice, child welfare, health care, and education issues.

8. *Bullying and Peer Aggression: Notes and Prevention Strategies

Carol Pool, Prevention Education Specialist – Prevent Child Abuse Indiana

This session, back this year by popular demand, reviews basic concepts and definitions of bullying and peer aggression as well as Indiana laws and policies related to bullying. Topics include the various forms of bullying and cyberbullying; the effects of bullying on children; and prevention strategies for schools, parents, and the community at large.

*** A version of this workshop was presented at last year's forum**

9. Trauma-Informed Care: Knowledge Building and Developing Practice

Elizabeth Guzman-Arredondo, Director, Human Services Program, Calumet College of St. Joseph
LaConyia Pitts-Thomas, Clinical Services Specialist, Lake County Department of Child Services

This workshop will focus on the team approach to trauma-informed care in child welfare practice – raising awareness of parents and caregivers, training staff on trauma, providing coaching and support, and addressing secondary traumatic stress. The latest research regarding the effects of trauma on brain development will also be discussed.

10. *Are We Crazy About our Kids?

Chris White, Publisher, The Times Media Company and Board Co-Chair, One Region
Eddie Melton, Member, Indiana State Board of Education, First Congressional District
Kimberly Smith, Executive Director, Early Learning Partnership of Northwest Indiana

Times Media Company publisher Chris White joins Indiana State Education Board member Eddie Melton and early childhood development specialist Kim Smith in viewing and discussing *Are We Crazy About Our Kids*, a PBS/*Raising of America* documentary highlighting problems with funding for early childhood education and stating the powerful economic case for change.

11. *Sexual Assault and Indiana Teens

Christina Hale, Indiana State Representative, District 87, Indianapolis
Monica Solinas-Saunders, Assistant Professor – SPEA, Indiana University Northwest

This session will update participants on the recent shocking study of sexual assaults on Indiana teens presented at last year's forum. Indiana State Representative Christina Hale of Indianapolis will report on recent developments related to her 2014 legislation on the issue. Professor Solinas-Saunders will lead the discussion and provide remarks on the University's efforts to stop sexual violence.

12. Legal Services for Children and Families

Judith Haller Stanton, Attorney and former director, Northwest Indiana Volunteer Lawyers
Renée Hatcher, Attorney, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law

This session will focus on the types of services particularly needed by Northwest Indiana children and families and resources for those who cannot afford the services of a private attorney. Attorney Hatcher will focus on Indiana's Second Chance Law which allows for criminal record expungement enabling a fresh start for some offenders.

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Registration Notes ~ Twenty-Sixth Annual IUN Forum on Child Abuse and Neglect

This event is free but because of space constraints for certain breakout sessions and the need for a lunch count, **pre-registration by Monday, April 25th is strongly recommended.** This year we have a new, simpler, on-line registration procedure. Beginning April 1, you may use this link to enter your registration information ---- <https://iunforum.wufoo.com/forms/2016-iun-forum-registration/> As before, you will be asked to provide your name, organization name, e-mail address, the numbers of the breakout workshops that you wish to attend and whether or not you need a formal CEU certificate or only a Certificate of Participation. You will receive a confirmation of your registration by return email. This is your “ticket” to the Forum.

The IUN Forum will **provide continuing education units (CEU’S) for licensed social workers.** A CEU sign-up sheet for each breakout session will be available in each plenary and workshop for social workers to complete with their *license number and signature*. If a sign-in sheet is not available, please ask a student volunteer for assistance with locating a CEU sheet. The **CEU certificates can be picked up from the CEU table** located near the Art Gallery in Savannah Hall at the end of the day.

Walk-ins at the forum are always welcome, but walk-ins and those who register after April 25 cannot be guaranteed the availability of free lunches (the IUN cafeteria will be open, however) and some breakout sessions may fill early.

Capacity in the Bergland Auditorium is limited. Doors to the Auditorium will open at 8:30 AM. Those who pre-registered will be seated first until 8:45 AM. Walk-ins will be seated after 8:45 on a first-come, first-served basis along with pre-registrants who arrive after 8:45. Overflow areas will accommodate those unable to be seated in the auditorium. Individuals who cannot be in attendance but would like to participate may do so by joining a live web-streaming of the event. See the IUN website or page one of this flyer for a link. CEU units and certificates of participation are not available for those participating online.

Guest wi-fi services will be provided by the University. No registration is needed. Simply turn on your device’s wi-fi and select “AT&T wifi”. No password is required but you may need to open your web browser and agree to AT&T’s policies to complete the connection.

IUN parking is available in the main lot (off 33rd Street - north of the Student Activities Building). Campus police will suspend enforcement of the usual rules requiring stickers for this event. Do avoid, however, the “reserved” spaces.

This year the number of agenda display spaces in the hallway will be limited. Applications for spaces (one 8-foot table) will be accepted first from forum co-sponsor agencies (until April 1). After April 1, spaces will be available to other organizations with close links to the purposes of the forum. To apply for vendor space contact Chitona Williams at The Villages, 219-762-3465. The deadline for vendor applications is April 22.

If you have any questions about registration please call the Villages Office at 219-762-3465 .

***Registration begins on April 1, 2016 at**
<https://iunforum.wufoo.com/forms/2016-iun-forum-registration/>

***Note: If you try the link before April 1 you will get a message saying that it is “private”. It will become active and “public” at 12:01 AM on April 1.**