

Discover the Connections!

Bridging Strategies to Prevent Child Injury and Maltreatment

Radisson Hotel Sacramento, CA February 24-26, 2008

Conference Overview:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in conjunction with the Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice are proud to present our first collaborative conference *"Discover the Connections: Bridging Strategies to Prevent Child Injury and Maltreatment"*. This year's conference will provide attendees with important concepts, information, and skills to enhance and link injury and maltreatment prevention between agencies and within communities.

Purpose:

In California, nearly a million children are at risk for abuse and neglect. Injuries are the number one killer of children ages 1-18. Child injuries, neglect, and maltreatment have been linked with a host of immediate and long-term negative and costly outcomes, ultimately affecting the child's ability to develop normally, impacting the family, community, and society as a whole.

Many child injury and maltreatment prevention efforts focus on shared populations, causes, and strategies. We know that community norms, social values, and personal worldviews all influence the way individuals and groups within the larger community support families with children. The key is to shift these norms and values toward helping create and sustain healthier environments for families to raise their children.

Identifying, developing, and modifying existing prevention programs that contribute to the positive physical, emotional, cognitive, and developmental well-being of children and adolescents are long-term investments in our collective future.

The Program:

This conference offers a highly knowledgeable and experienced faculty who will guide attendees in the exploration of research and practice on important topics, including:

- ♦ Effective collaboration between unintentional injury and child maltreatment practitioners;
- ♦ Implications of early adverse experiences on lifelong health issues;
- ♦ The effects of brain development on risk behavior in children and adolescents;
- ♦ Tools and strategies from public health and social service disciplines that help inform multilevel prevention efforts;
- ♦ Cross-disciplinary education to increase awareness of each discipline's objectives, challenges, strengths, and resources.

Join your colleagues from state, county, and local health and safety agencies; schools; advocacy groups; social service departments; community-based organizations; private practice; and others, to network and share strategies to successfully engage and explore ways to prevent child injury and maltreatment.

Agenda:

The agenda is currently in development. Please scroll down to the last two pages to view the keynote and plenary speakers confirmed for February 25, 2007. Additional information will be available online by November 19, 2007.

Registration Fees: *Please check back by November 19 to register online.*

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch provided on each day of the conference, refreshment breaks, admission to the networking session, all general sessions/workshops, and conference materials.

Register before February 1, 2008	\$150
Register after February 1, 2008	\$200
One Day Registration.....	\$100
Full time student registration (copy of student ID is required).....	\$100

Volunteers Needed:

Conference volunteers are needed to serve as monitors for workshop sessions at the Discover the Connections Conference. Volunteers will receive REDUCED or FREE conference registration, depending on the amount of time volunteered. Please contact Anne Ainsworth at aaainsworth@projects.sdsu.edu or (619) 594-0984. Hurry, volunteer positions fill quickly.

Pre-Conference Sessions: (Sunday, February 24, 2008)

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technical Training	\$ 45
<i>(includes lunch + CEUs)</i>	
Home Safety Literacy Training (<i>working title</i>)	No Fee
How to Use the Media to Get Your Message Out (<i>working title</i>)	No Fee

Conference Location and Lodging:

Radisson Hotel - 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, California 95815

A room block has been secured for Saturday - February 23 - 26, 2008. Please mention that you are attending the “**Discover the Connections**” Conference to receive the special rate of **\$84** single / **\$94** double occupancy, plus all applicable local and state taxes. The room reservation cut-off date is **Friday, February 1, 2008**. After this date, rooms will be available on a first-come, first served basis at the prevailing hotel room rate. Parking is available to hotel guests at no charge. For Reservations: (916) 922-2020 and choose option “2”. Ask for the “Discover the Connections” group rate. If making your reservation online, go to www.radisson.com/injury, please use **promotional code: injury**.

Ground Transportation:

The Radisson Hotel Sacramento is approximately twenty minutes from the Sacramento International Airport. Ground transportation is available through Super Shuttle at a rate of \$17.00 per person, each way. Call Super Shuttle reservations at (800) 258-3826 to schedule your shuttle.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

In order to receive continuing education hours, participants must register on-site at the “CEU Registration” table and follow the instructions provided by the CEU staff. The CSUS, College of Continuing Education is an approved provider and will offer the following CEU’s:

- Certified Health Education Specialist: (**CHES**)
- Marriage and Family Therapist: (**MFT**); Licensed Clinical Social Worker: (**LCSW**); Marriage, Family and Child Counselor: (**MFCC**)
- Nurse: (**BSN**)
- Pending approval, units will be provided for law enforcement, emergency medical technicians and fire fighters. Please check back in mid-November to obtain updated CEU information as it becomes available.

Keynote Presenters



Ileana Arias, Ph.D.

Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (CDC)

"The Center's main goal is to convey the message that injury prevention is important to the quality of life and health of Americans across the life

span."

Before her appointment as director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) in July 2005, Dr. Arias served as acting director of the Center since June 2004. Prior to that, she was the chief of the Etiology and Surveillance Branch in the Division of Violence Prevention in CDC's Injury Center.

Doctor Arias began her career as a research associate at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and then joined the University of Georgia in Athens (UGA) as an assistant professor. Prior to joining CDC in 2000, Arias was the director of clinical training and professor of clinical psychology at the UGA.

She is a well-respected clinical psychologist with research expertise in intimate partner and family violence. Dr. Arias' areas of special interest and experience are intimate partner violence and family violence prevention research and practice. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles in professional journals and has given presentations across the United States and in several foreign countries.

She is on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*; the *Review of Aggression and Violent Behavior*, and *Violence and Victims*; and serves as a reviewer for 11 professional journals.

Doctor Arias holds a BA, from Barnard College, and a MA and PhD, both in psychology, from the State University of New York, at Stony Brook .



Vincent J. Felitti, M.D.

Co-Principal Investigator of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, ongoing collaborative research between Kaiser Permanente and the Centers for Disease Control.

A 1962 graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School, Dr. Felitti is an internist who started as an infectious disease physician in 1968 at Kaiser Permanente in San Diego and then founded the Department of Preventive Medicine in 1975; he served as Chief of Preventive Medicine until 2001.

Under Dr. Felitti's leadership over the years, the Department provided comprehensive, biopsychosocial medical evaluation to assess the health risks and disease burden of over one million individual adults. Major health-risk abatement programs were developed for obesity, smoking, and stress, as well as population-based screening for the genetic disease, Hemochromatosis. He is Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California and a Fellow of The American College of Physicians.

From "About the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study":

Why is it important to know about the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study? Because it provides compelling evidence that:

- They have long-term, damaging consequences
- They happen even in "the best of families"
- ACEs are surprisingly common

The pyramid to the right helps visualize the process by which harsh experiences such as abuse, neglect, and loss of birth parent(s) during childhood result in health problems in adulthood.





**Angelo P. Giardino, M.D., Ph.D.,
M.P.H.**

Medical Director for Texas Children's Health Plan; Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Giardino graduated summa cum laude from Temple University and

went on to earn his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his residency and fellowship training in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where Dr. Giardino pursued specialized training in health services research and child abuse and neglect.

Dr. Giardino was named a clinical scholar within the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar Program. Dr. Giardino also received a doctorate in health professions education from the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Giardino also served as the Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Associate Physician-in-Chief at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, where he was also the Associate Chair for Pediatrics. Clinically, Dr. Giardino served as the Medical Director for the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team and was awarded a Children's Trust Fund grant to begin a pediatric-setting-based domestic violence screening program. He has authored eight books on the evaluation of suspected child maltreatment and currently he is a member of the Child Protection Team at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Giardino is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a member of the Texas Pediatric Society, the Harris County Medical Society, the American College of Physician Executives, and serves on the National Board for Justice for Children.



Linda Chamberlain Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Linda Chamberlain, a health scientist specializing in childhood exposure to violence, is an internationally renowned speaker. Dr. Chamberlain has combined her public health career with her passion for dog mushing and rural

living. As part of her keynote speeches and seminars, Dr. Chamberlain uses her dog team to talk to communities and children about teambuilding, leadership, and diversity from a dog team's perspective. She lives with her 17 huskies and her husband, Al, a beekeeper, at the Howling Husky Homestead outside of Homer, Alaska. During the summer months, Dr. Chamberlain leads narrated tours of the homestead and sled dog kennel and offers "*High Tea with the Huskies*," a small, intimate event with lots of stories about living and working in the Great North. Dr. Chamberlain's recently released book, "*Arctic Inspirations: Rural Women Creating Personal Success and Starting Small Businesses*" features stories of women in Alaska, northwestern Canada, and Siberia who have followed their passion to do what they love while achieving financial self-sufficiency and making a difference in the rural and remote communities they choose to live in.