

## Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children

### Division Photo



First Row: E. Pearl, K. Makoroff; Second Row B. Shapiro, F. Putnam, B. Boat. Not pictured E. Olafson

### Division Data Summary

#### Research and Training Details

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Faculty                   | 4         |
| Number of Joint Appointment Faculty | 2         |
| Number of Support Personnel         | 7         |
| Direct Annual Grant Support         | \$534,348 |
| Peer Reviewed Publications          | 10        |

#### Clinical Activities and Training

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Number of Clinical Staff    | 1     |
| Number of Clinical Fellows  | 3     |
| Number of Clinical Students | 8     |
| Number of Other Students    | 25    |
| Inpatient Encounters        | 60    |
| Outpatient Encounters       | 1,158 |

### Significant Publications

**Pearl, ES (2009) Parent management training for reducing oppositional and aggressive behavior in preschool children. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 14, 295-305**

Identified common principles in Parent Management interventions that were effective in reducing behavioral problems in preschool children

**Noll, J.G., Trickett, P.K., Harris, W. W., PUtnam, F.W. (2009) Child abuse, avatar choices, and other risk factors associated with internet-initiated victimization. *Pediatrics*, 123, e1078-e1083**

Identified the increased risk for revictimization of sexually abused girls as a result of their internet activities

compared to non-abused girls

**Trickett, P.K., Noll, J.G., Susman, E.J., Shenk, C.E., Putnam, F.W., (2010) Attenuation of cortisol across development for victims of sexual abuse. *Development and Psychopathology*, 22, 165-175.**

Only longitudinal study from childhood to young adulthood investigating HPA axis alterations associated with a history of childhood sexual abuse.

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## Division Highlights

### Frank W. Putnam, MD

Co-development of an effective intervention for maternal depression in women enrolled in home visitation program. Intervention now adopted by home visitation programs in Boston and the State of Connecticut

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## Division Collaboration

### Collaboration with Psychology

**Collaborating Faculty: Robert Ammerman (Psychology); Frank Putnam (Mayerson)**

Co-developed an effective treatment for maternal depression in women enrolled in home visitation programs that has been adopted by programs in other states

### Collaboration with Psychology

**Collaborating Faculty: Jennie Noll; Frank Putnam**

RO1 study of childhood sexual abuse and risk for teen pregnancy

### Collaboration with Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Pediatrics

**Collaborating Faculty: Shari Wade, PhD; Kathi Makoroff, MD**

Established a clinic for longitudinal evaluation and intervention in children with a history of abusive head trauma (aka Shaken Baby Syndrome)

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## Faculty Members

**Kathi Makoroff, MD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor ; *Fellowship Director, Child Abuse Pediatrics; Director, Child Abuse Resident / Medical Student Elective; Program Committee Chair, Ray Helfer Society*

**Frank Putnam, MD**, Professor ; *CCHMC Research Integrity Officer; Chair - CCHMC Ethics Committee; Member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Parental Depression; Trustee of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund - Governor's appointment. Only member retained from prior administration*

**Barbara Boat, PhD**, Associate Professor ; *Director of the Childhood Trust; Clinical Director of the Trauma Treatment Training Center*

**Erna Olafson, PhD, PsyC**, Associate Professor ; *Training Director of the Trauma Treatment Training Center*

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## Joint Appointment Faculty Members

**Robert Shapiro, MD**, Professor  
Emergency Medicine  
child maltreatment

**Erica Pearl, PsyD**, Assistant Professor  
Psychology and Behavioral Medicine  
foster care

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## Clinical Staff Members

- **Heidi Malott, MSW, LISW**

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## Trainees

- **Berekeley Bennett, MD**, pgy -9, Texas Children's Hospital

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## Significant Accomplishments

### A decade of serving abused children

This year, the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children recognizes its 10th anniversary. In its first decade, this hospital-based child advocacy center has conducted more than 10,000 forensic interviews of children. We continue to participate in the care of physically abused patients, having seen the largest number of infants suffering from inflicted head injury this year. We continue to intervene in cases of medical child abuse to prevent unnecessary medical care. We also represent the hospital in the court process by providing testimony in these cases and have been named in numerous court of appeals decisions.

### Training programs for trauma and sexual abuse

Through the Trauma Treatment Training Program, we have trained more than 250 community mental health providers in

evidence-based treatments for childhood trauma. We have developed a training program for pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners. We teach forensic interviewing to Children's Protective Services workers, law enforcement officers and prosecutors throughout Ohio. We provide teleconferencing activities for physicians, nurses and investigators nationwide who work in the area of child abuse and neglect. We also focus on prevention through more than 35 trainings offered to parent groups and others by our Stewards of Children Sexual Abuse Prevention program. We also assist in debriefing communities when they find that their young children are victims of sexual offenders.

### National and local leadership

Several of our faculty play significant roles in local, state and national programs that seek to eliminate child abuse. Those efforts include:

**Barbara Boat**, PhD, served as Chair of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network Steering Committee on Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence.

**Kathi Makoroff**, MD, presented at the 2010 Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting in Vancouver and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Ray Helfer Society.

**Heidi Malott**, LISW-S, was elected President of the Board of Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers. She also serves on the Supreme Court of Ohio Subcommittee on Child Abuse and Neglect and the Hamilton County Commissioner's Task Force on Community Safety from Sexual Offenders.

**Erna Olafson**, PhD, PsyD, served as Chair of the Justice Consortium of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

**Erica Pearl**, PsyD, was elected President of the Cincinnati Society for Child Clinical Psychologists.

**Frank Putnam**, MD, director of the Mayerson Center, testified this year before the U.S. House of Representatives on the impact of trauma on children's mental health. He also presented findings of the Institute of Medicine report on parental depression and parenting to the National Press Club.

**Robert Shapiro**, MD, was an invited speaker at the American Osteopathic Association conference in New Orleans.

## Division Publications

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## Grants, Contracts, and Industry Agreements

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### Grant and Contract Awards

### Annual Direct / Project Period Direct

Putnam, F

**A Continuum of Trauma Care: Adapting Evidence-Based Practices to Promote Resiliency from Military Families through Juvenile Justice Systems**

Substance Abuse & Mental Hlth Svc Admin

U79 SM 059286

09/30/09 - 09/29/12

\$443,181 / \$1,361,247

Shapiro, R

**ODJFS "Beyond the Silence" "PSANE" training**

Ohio Depart of Jobs and Family Services

G-1011-06-0589

01/01/10 - 06/30/11

\$91,167 / \$199,876

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**Current Year Direct**

**\$534,348**

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**Total \$534,348**

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