

Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children

Division Details

RESEARCH AND TRAINING DETAILS

Faculty	2
Joint Appointment Faculty	9
Total Annual Grant Award Dollars	\$612,992

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

Staff Psychologists	1
Clinical Fellows	2
Inpatient Encounters	91
Outpatient Encounters	1,402



Row 1: J Bemmerer, E Messer, K Makoroff

Row 2: A Folger, R Shapiro

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Division Highlights

Parent Connex

The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children has partnered with [Beech Acres Parenting Center](#) and [TriHealth](#) to implement the Parent Connex program within nine pediatric primary care practices over three years, through a grant funded by [Bethesda, Inc.](#) Half of children in Greater Cincinnati experience adversity in childhood that has the potential to negatively affect their brain development and long-term health. The Parent Connex program aims to improve child health and family life by integrating parenting services within pediatric primary care practices and equipping parents with resources and skills that strengthen their resilience and capacity to build a safe and nurturing environment for their child. Pediatricians screen for parenting challenges and psychosocial adversity during well-child visits and connect families with parenting specialists located on-site within the practice. The parenting specialists provide one-on-one consultations with families and help to CONNECT parents to community resources and provide at least one clear NEXT step to their parenting challenges.

Child Adult Relationship Enhancement

Child Adult Relationship Enhancement (CARE) is a six hour skill-based training delivered in one-six sessions designed to enhance the child-adult relationship for children with trauma histories by creating a responsive, stable relationship with their caregiver. The Mayerson Center partnered with [Lighthouse Youth Services Foster Care and Adoption Network](#) to perform a randomized controlled trial comparing CARE training to standard parenting training for foster caregivers with a foster child between 3 to 12 years of age. In comparison to the standard training, foster caregivers who received CARE training demonstrated significant improvements in their observed parenting behaviors one month later, and fewer anxiety symptoms in their children three months later. Foster children in both groups showed significant decreases in anger/aggression and post-traumatic stress arousal over time. These preliminary findings suggest effective delivery of CARE can occur within the context of existing mandated foster care training programs, and can provide foster caregivers with tangible skills that improve their parenting and their foster child's emotional well-being.

Division Publications

1. Folger AT; Putnam KT; Putnam FW; Peugh JL; Eismann EA; Sa T; Shapiro RA; Van Ginkel JB; Ammerman RT. **Maternal Interpersonal Trauma and Child Social-Emotional Development: An Intergenerational Effect.** *Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology.* 2017; 31:99-107.
2. Letson MM; Cooper JN; Deans KJ; Scribano PV; Makoroff KL; Feldman KW; Berger RP. **Prior opportunities to identify abuse in children with abusive head trauma.** *Child Abuse and Neglect.* 2016; 60:36-45.

Grants, Contracts, and Industry Agreements

Annual Grant Award Dollars

Investigator	Title	Sponsor	ID	Dates	Amount
Erna Olafson, PSYD	Trauma and Grief Component Therapy for Adolescents Training	Department of Justice (University of Kentucky)	DG2015DJJ00007	03/13/2016 - 04/12/2016	\$6,600
Robert Allan Shapiro, MD	State Chapter Support to Children's Advocacy Centers	Department of Justice (National Children's Alliance)	06-CINC-OH-SA12	01/01/2012 - 12/31/2016	\$9,000
Robert Allan Shapiro, MD	VOCA 2017	Department of Justice (Crime Victims Assistance Office)	2017-VOCA-43552065	10/01/2012 - 09/30/2017	\$456,925
Robert Allan Shapiro, MD	Timely Recognition of Abusive Injuries	Ohio Children's Hospital Association Fdn (The Research Instit at Nationwide Hosp)	TRAIN Grant	01/01/2015 - 12/31/2017	\$40,368.34
Robert Allan Shapiro, MD	Two Days in May (TDIM)	Crime Victims Assistance Office	2016VOCA27434249	10/01/2015 - 09/30/2016	\$3,875
Kathi L Makoroff, MD	OCTF Calm Baby Gentle Project	Department of Health and Human Services (Ohio Children's Trust Fund)	G1501OHFRPG	09/01/2016 - 06/30/2017	\$49,224
Robert Allan Shapiro, MD	Incorporated Equipment Grant	Department of Justice (Crime Victims Assistance Office)	2015VAGX0059	10/01/2015 - 09/30/2016	\$29,000
Robert Allan Shapiro, MD	ONCAC Human Trafficking	Ohio Depart of Jobs and Family Services (Ohio Network Children's Advocacy Centers)	SFY2017	07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017	\$18,000

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