Division Data Summary

Research and Training Details

- Number of Faculty: 2
- Number of Joint Appointment Faculty: 3
- Number of Research Fellows: 2
- Number of Support Personnel: 8
- Direct Annual Grant Support: $542,768
- Peer Reviewed Publications: 12

Clinical Activities and Training

- Number of Clinical Staff: 6
- Number of Clinical Fellows: 4
- Number of Other Students: 25
- Inpatient Encounters: 83
- Outpatient Encounters: 1580

Significant Publications


Division Highlights

**Frank W. Putnam, MD**

Completion of the statewide implementation of maternal depression screening.

**Erica Pearl, PsyD**

Expanded Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and Child Adult Relationship Enhancement (CARE) training to additional therapists at Tripler Army Medical Center located in Honolulu.

Division Collaboration

Radiology; Emergency Medicine; Cincinnati Child Health Ethic Center » Meg Care, MD and Jim Leach, MD; Ethics Committee;

- Research Study of subdural hemorrhages in children with enlarged subarachnoid spaces.
- Research in diagnostic evaluation of children being evaluated for child abuse.
- The Ethics Committee provides consultation and discussion on ethical issues for the well being of our
patient's healthcare needs.

Faculty Members

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

Research Interests

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

Research Interests

Joint Appointment Faculty Members

Erica Pearl, PsyD, Assistant Professor  
Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

Research Interests Foster Care

Robert Shapiro, MD, Professor  
Emergency Medicine

Research Interests Child Maltreatment

Clinical Staff Members

- Mary Pat Burke, RN, Registered Nurse  
- Sharon Dickman, RN, Education Specialist I  
- Cecilia Freihofer, LISW, Social Worker I  
- Heidi Malott, MSW, LISW, Clinical Manager  
- Andrea Powers, LISW, Social Worker II  
- Andrea Richey, LISW, Social Worker II  
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Trainees

- Mary Greiner, MD, pgy-5, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center  
- Brooks Keeshin, MD, pgy-6, Utah Primary Children's

Significant Accomplishments

Ten-Year Anniversary
In October 2010, the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children celebrated its 10-year anniversary and affirmed its commitment to continue a local and national leadership role in the identification of child abuse and the protection of children. Child abuse continues to be a national crisis and drives the center's
commitment to improve diagnosis, treatment and prevention to secure child safety and healthy outcomes. Center priorities include the development and refinement of clinical diagnosis and treatment, research to drive translational change, the delivery of training and education to healthcare professionals and the continued development of a leadership role in protecting children through recognition, knowledge and collaboration. A statewide maternal depression screening and facilitated referral program was established for the Ohio Department of Health’s Help Me Grow home visiting program, which reaches all 88 Ohio counties.

**Partnership with Regional Child Protection Agencies**

The Mayerson Center enables all of the child protection agencies in our region to work in partnership with Cincinnati Children’s and with each other. The center is comprised of a team that includes Cincinnati Children’s physicians, social workers, researchers and nurses, Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services caseworkers, City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County law enforcement officers and members of the Hamilton County prosecutor’s office. Each week, more than 30 children are evaluated by the center for concerns of child abuse or neglect. Clinical evaluations are multidisciplinary, collaborative and conducted in an environment created to minimize child and family stress. Specialty services of the Mayerson Center include forensic interviewing, medical-legal examinations, evidence collection and testimony. The center’s physicians are among the first doctors in the country to be board certified in the new field of child abuse pediatrics.

**Training Child Abuse Professionals**

The center helps to set the national standard in the training of child abuse professionals in quality-improvement programs, and is recognized for its role in developing educational networks. On-site instruction is enhanced by the use of innovative telemedicine services that link child abuse services in Ohio with other US sites. These programs include training and a case-based peer review program for pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners; didactic and case-based peer review programs for child forensic interviewers; case-based peer review of physical and sexual abuse findings for child abuse physicians; and literature review for pediatric child abuse fellows. Through the Trauma Treatment Training Program, community mental health providers are trained in evidence-based treatments for childhood trauma. In addition, child abuse prevention efforts are bolstered by frequent trainings for parents and other community groups offered through the Stewards of Children Sexual Abuse Prevention Program.

**Division Publications**


Grants, Contracts, and Industry Agreements

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