

**TASK FORCE ON ESSENTIALS FOR CHILDHOOD**

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**JUNE 13, 2014**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*Goals for the meeting: We will discuss the Strengthening Families work and discuss its applicability for our work in North Carolina. We will also continue our discussion of policies and social norms change to address ensuring safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children in North Carolina, with the goal of drafting actionable recommendations by the end of the day.*

**10:00 - 10:30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

*Ms. Pope will bring the meeting to order and lead introductions of Task Force members. Dr. Zolotor will lay out the goals for today's meeting*

**Kathy Pope**  
Board of Directors  
Prevent Child Abuse NC

**Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH**  
Vice President  
North Carolina Institute of Medicine

**10:30 – 12:00 STRENGTHENING FAMILIES: OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

*Introduced by Kristin O'Connor (Assistant Chief, Child Welfare Services Division of Social Services), Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Blount-Clark will give an overview on Strengthening Families and the specific work being done in states that have implemented the Strengthening Families goals and framework.*

**Cailin O'Connor**  
Policy Analyst  
Center for the Study of Social Policy

**Juanita Blount-Clark**  
Senior Consultant  
Center for the Study of Social Policy

**12:00 – 12:30** LUNCH

**12:30 – 2:00** BREAKOUT DISCUSSION GROUPS: INTERSECTION OF SOCIAL NORMS AND POLICY

*For the breakout discussions, there will be 5 groups, each with one of the topics listed below for discussion. Please choose two breakout groups/topics you would like to participate in. We will meet for 45 minutes, then break for the next breakout discussion - Task Force members will then move to a different topic for the next 45-minute session (or they may choose to stay in the same topic again if they prefer).*

*Each group/topic will have a facilitator who will guide the discussion and also answer substantive questions on policy context, current policies, context around social norms, etc., should the group have any. The facilitator will facilitate both back-to-back breakout discussions on the topic.*

*The goal for each breakout group is to develop several specific policy recommendations around the topic and report back to the large group.*

*Policies*

- 1) Income related policies (TANF and EITC)*
- 2) Child care subsidies/Parent involvement/supports pre-K*
- 3) Screening by primary care providers (intimate partner violence, depression, substance abuse) (and follow up/treatment/referral)*

*Social Norms*

- 4) Corporal punishment*
- 5) First 2000 Days*

**2:00 – 3:00** DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Juanita E. Blount-Clark** has broad and deep experiences over 30 years as a public servant at the state and national levels. She has served as an Agency administrator, health and human services program development consultant, and coordinator for strategic planning and collaborative development for comprehensive community change initiatives involving public/private partnerships among service agencies, families and communities. She currently provides consultation and technical assistance on the development and sustainability of comprehensive system change initiatives as a part of the Center for the Study of Social Policy's National Strengthening Families Initiative. She received her education at Spelman College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health.

**Cailin O'Connor** coordinates the Strengthening Families National Network through the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP), supporting states and jurisdictions in their implementation of the Protective Factors Framework to improve outcomes in a variety of child and family serving systems. She has been involved with Strengthening Families since she began coordinating Wisconsin's state efforts in 2005. Since then, O'Connor has worked with several states and national organizations on their Strengthening Families work. With a background in evidence-based programs and their dissemination and implementation, she also contributes to CSSP's efforts to mobilize residents to achieve and sustain improved outcomes at the neighborhood and community level. O'Connor earned a master's degree in human development and family studies and a graduate certificate in Prevention and Intervention Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she currently holds an honorary fellowship in the School of Human Ecology.