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The USF Family Study Center's 20th Anniversary Conference April 12, 2024 // 8 AM – 5 PM University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus University Student Center (USC) Ballrooms (Second Floor)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00am – 8:30am: Registration, Check-In, Breakfast – USC Ballroom

8:30am – 9:30am: Welcome and Opening Address:

Thinking Three: Retrospect and prospect in coparenting theory, research and clinical application, Dr. James McHale, Family Study Center, University of South Florida – USC Ballroom

9:30am – 12:15pm: Morning Plenary (with 15-minute AM Coffee Break): "When loved ones fight: Child Parent Psychotherapy with multiple caregivers," Dr. Chandra Ghosh-Ippen, Child Trauma Research Program, University of California, San Francisco – USC Ballroom

12:15pm – **1:15pm: Lunch** provided in USC Ballroom and Book Signing (Lobby Outside Ballroom) by Dr. Ghosh-Ippen

1:15pm – **2:30pm: Afternoon Plenary:** Global applications of coparenting for mental health practitioners: The International Coparenting Collaborative, Dr. Silvia Mazzoni, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy – USC Ballroom

2:30pm – 2:45pm: PM Coffee Break and Transition to Breakouts

2:45pm – 4:15pm: Afternoon Breakout Sessions

• Beyond Dyadic Intervention: CPP with Multiple Generations (preregistration required; limited to rostered CPP Providers (Valerie Dallas, LCSW, Facilitator: Chandra Ghosh Ippen, Ph.D; Moderator, Anne Hogan, Ph.D.) – *USC Ballroom*

• Adapting service settings to honor and engage children's diverse family systems: An international perspective (Dr. Mazzoni; Moderator, Dr. McHale) – *Coral Room*

• Widening Our Lens to Optimize Community Safety Nets: Recognizing, Affirming, and Strengthening Diverse Family Support Structures. (Dr. LaDonna Butler; Moderator, Dr. Kacey Jenkins) – Palm Room

4:15pm – **5:00pm: Reconvening: Coparenting and Child Development:** A New Generation of Solutions for Families Experiencing Strain, Challenge and Adversity (Panel Discussion) – *USC Ballroom*

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Since 2003, the University of South Florida's Family Study Center has advanced a vital mental health concept relevant to all children, all families, all communities – coparenting. Once examined only with children in post-divorce families, today coparenting is recognized as a dynamic affecting virtually every child who grows up in a family collective with multiple caregiving adults, or coparents. The Family Study Center has been ground zero for coparenting theory and research, answering challenging questions with probing research and intervention models honoring coparenting as it manifests across the broad array of family systems and configurations raising infants and young children worldwide. "Thinking Three," the Family Study Center's 20th anniversary conference, celebrates pioneering theory, research, and clinical practice in the field of coparenting, revisiting some of the most important advances in understanding and supporting children 0-3 and their families. We hope you find today's event stimulating.

PLENARY SPEAKERS







James McHale directs the University of South Florida's Family Study Center and is Executive Director for the Center's community clinic, the Infant-Family Center, His studies of coparenting infant/child development have been and sponsored since 1996 by the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Development, the Department of Health and Human Service's Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and numerous Foundations. He has authored over 200 conference research reports and published over 100 articles, books, and manuscripts on the topic of coparenting in diverse family systems.

Chandra Ghosh Ippen is Associate Director of the Child Trauma Research Program at the University of California, San Francisco, and Director of Dissemination and Implementation for Child-Parent Psychotherapy, A member of ZERO TO THREE's Board, she has authored and co-authored over 20 publications and manuals related to trauma and diversity-informed practice, including Don't Hit My Mommy (2005), Losing a Parent to Death: Guidelines for the Treatment of Traumatic Bereavement in Infancy and Early Childhood (2003), and Vale la Pena Recordar, a Spanish language video on childhood traumatic grief that she also produced and directed.

Silvia Mazzoni is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome. A specialist in techniques of observation and clinical evaluation of the family, she is a core member of the International Coparenting Collaborative, a founding member of the Italian Society of Family Mediation, and author of published work on couple and family psychotherapy, support interventions for highly conflictual separated and divorced parents, coparenting of autistic children, coparenting alliances of lesbian coparents, and numerous other clinical coparenting applications.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT CONTRIBUTORS



LaDonna Butler is an Associate Program Director at the Family Study Center. She has helped lead several initiatives including the United Way-sponsored "Community, Cafes and Coparenting;" "Trauma-Informed Infant-Family Mental Health," and "Reckoning with Race and COVID-19 in Infant-Family Mental Health," funded by the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg.



Russia Collins is Clinical and Training Director for the Family Study Center's Infant-Family Center. A contributor to the International Coparenting Collaborative, she codeveloped the Family Study Center's "Strengthening Family Safety through Coparenting" intervention for families experiencing child welfare system involvement.



A nationally rostered Child-Parent Psychotherapist trained in Infant Mental Health, **Valerie Dallas** is a clinical social worker who serves young children and caregivers who have experienced trauma or adversity. She is also Site Coordinator for the Young Parents Project at Florida State University.



Anne Hogan is instructional lead for the Family Study Center's Infant-Family Mental Health graduate certificate program. From 2002-2013, she directed Florida State University's Harris Institute for Infant Mental Health Training, and is a Past President of the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health.



Kacey Jenkins is a Program Director at the Family Study Center. She leads the Juvenile Welfare Boardsponsored "0-3 Coparenting Initiative," a collective impact program enhancing conflict resolution skills of frontline staff in multiple community agencies serving families with infants and toddlers.

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Questions? Email program coordinator Ebony Miller at ebonymiller@usf.edu.

