

Center for Families, Children and the Courts

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Health and the Urban Child: Diagnosing Problems and Prescribing Solutions

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8:30a.m. – 5 p.m.

Urban children and their families face multiple health challenges today that are especially acute because of where they are growing up -- in our inner-cities. Many lack the most basic resources necessary to stay healthy, including affordable and nutritious food, safe areas where children can exercise, and high quality medical care. At the same time, children and their families confront problems such as poverty, lead paint, pollution, substance abuse, and violence. The consequences of these stressors are predictable, as inner-city children do less well on health measures than their wealthier peers living in less challenging surroundings. We welcome you to today's symposium and conversation designed to address and propose remedies for some of the daunting problems these children encounter.

Agenda

Registration; Breakfast Snacks and Mingling

Welcome; Opening Remarks

- Robert L. Bogomolny, President, University of Baltimore
- Phillip Closius, Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law
- Barbara Babb, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Center for Families, Children and the Courts

Overview: Challenges and Stresses for the Urban Child; Access to Health Care

- Joshua Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Olivia D. Farrow, Esq., Interim Commissioner of Health, Baltimore

Panel One-- *Safety and Stress in Intimate Relationships: Child Abuse and Neglect, Domestic Violence, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

- Charles Shubin, Medical Director, Mercy Family Care Children's Health Center
- Elena Cohen, Director, Safe Start Center, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice
- Maria Trent, Adolescent Pediatrician, Johns Hopkins Children's Center
- Moderator: Prof. Barbara Babb

Lunch and keynote speaker, Congressman Elijah Cummings

Panel Two-- *Physical Health and Disorders Related to Nutrition and Environmental Conditions*

- Alan Lyles, Schaefer Center for Public Policy, University of Baltimore
- Leigh Cobb, Health Policy Director, Advocates for Children and Youth
- Anthony Geraci, Director of Food Services, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Ruth Ann Norton, Executive Director, Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Moderator: Sharon Rubinstein, Senior Fellow, Center for Families, Children and the Courts

Panel Three-- *Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Behavioral Challenges*

- Janice Cooper, Interim Director, National Center for Children in Poverty, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- Edward H. Jurith, General Counsel, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Rebecca Landa, Director, Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Moderator: Gloria Danziger, Senior Fellow, Center for Families, Children and the Courts

Closing remarks, Prof . Barbara Babb