CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY CONSORTIUM

Children in Common: Ensuring the emotional well-being of children when parenting apart

October 22, 2015 | 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
University of Minnesota, McNamara Alumni Center and broadcast live via web stream

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PARTICIPANTS WILL:

• Increase their understanding about the complexities of co-parenting when parents live apart
• Apply innovative practices in their work with children, youth, and parents when parents live apart
• Use reflection to examine practice approaches that indicate value and respect for the assets and strengths of children, youth, and parents when parents live apart
• Differentiate between the challenges of single parenting with one or more partners and parenting following divorce
• Analyze the effectiveness of current interventions
• Compare research, practices, and policies related to parenting with child’s other parent

SPEAKERS
Kathryn Edin, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, is the author of six books (6th book is forthcoming). Her studies on poverty have influenced research, practice, and policy. In her 2005 book, Promises I Can Keep: Why Poor Women Put Motherhood before Marriage, she and her co-author Maria Kefalas sought to answer the policy conundrum: Why were so many low-income women having children without marrying, when doing so seemed so difficult?

James McHale, Ph.D., Director of the Family Study Center at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, is the nation’s leading researcher on co-parenting dynamics in diverse family systems. His investigations of co-parenting have been supported since 1996 by the National Institutes of Health, and his 2011 book with Kristen Lindahl, “Coparenting: A clinical and conceptual examination of family systems,” provides an outline of research and clinical work needed to support children and families through strengthening co-parenting.
PANELISTS

- Judge Bruce Peterson, Hennepin County Family Court Judge, Principal Investigator of the Co-Parent Court Project
- Maisha Giles, Health and Wellness Manager at Better Futures Minnesota and former Program Navigator for Co-Parent Court
- John Jackson, English Teacher and former Program Navigator for Co-Parent Court
- Rose McCullough, Program Navigator for Co-Parent Court

Lessons from the Field (LFTF) seminars are intended to develop a strong circular pattern of communication and information where researchers and practitioners learn from one another. A key component of LFTF is to discuss ways to operationalize the learning for practitioners who work to promote mental health in children and families. Enhance learning among colleagues and decrease the professional isolation that many clinicians and other practitioners experience. This seminar will take place at the McNamara Alumni center and be broadcast live to 25-30 sites throughout Minnesota and available nationally via live web stream.