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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Marc S. Atkins, Ph.D., University of Illinois - Chicago

Dr. Atkins is a Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Director of Psychology Training in Psychiatry, and Director of Research at the Institute for Juvenile Research. He has a long-standing interest in the development of effective mental health services for children and families living in high poverty urban communities. He is an active researcher in the areas of childhood ADHD and aggression, and community mental health services for children and families, having authored over 80 papers and chapters and over 100 conference presentations. He has been the recipient of numerous grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and private foundations, including an ongoing NIMH developing center grant to study new models for mental health services in schools and communities. He is a consultant to the Chicago Public Schools, including the primary consultant on the development of their ADHD policy manual, to the Illinois Division of Mental Health on a statewide initiative to advance evidence-based mental health practices, and to the Illinois State Board of Education on statewide guidelines for school mental health programs and practices. The psychology internship that he developed and has directed at UIC since 1994 received the inaugural award for the Outstanding Internship in 2005 by the American Psychological Association (APA) Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, and in 2010 the award for Innovative Training in Child and Adolescent Mental Health by the APA Board of Educational Affairs. He has served on the executive board of the Association of Psychological Science's Academy of Psychological Clinical Science, as treasurer and currently as secretary, and is the President-Elect of the APA Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (Division 53).

Karen Blase, Ph.D., University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

Karen Blase has been a service provider, researcher, program evaluator and published author in the human service field for over 35 years. She received her doctorate in Developmental and Child Psychology from the University of Kansas with a focus on school-based interventions, teacher training, and community-based services for high needs youth. Dr. Blase's area of focus is implementation science and best practices to bring science to service. She is a Senior Scientist at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. And she is a Co-Director, along with Dean Fixsen, of the National Implementation Research Network (NIRN) <http://nirn.fpg.unc.edu> and of the OSEP TA Center on State Implementation and Scaling-Up of Evidence-Based Practices (SISEP) www.scalingup.org. NIRN, together with other consortia and countries, co-sponsored the first Global Implementation Conference, August 15 - 17, 2011 and continues leadership in promoting the Global Implementation Initiative www.implementationconference.org.

J. David Hawkins, Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle

Dr. Hawkins received his B.A. in 1967 from Stanford University and his Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University in 1975. His research focuses on understanding and preventing child and adolescent health and behavior problems. He seeks to identify risk and protective factors for health and behavior problems across multiple domains; to understand how these factors interact in the development of healthy behavior and the prevention of problem behaviors. He develops and tests prevention strategies which seek to reduce risk through the enhancement of strengths and protective factors in families, schools, and communities, including the Communities That Care prevention system developed by Hawkins and Richard F. Catalano.

Dr. Hawkins is a current member of the Institute of Medicine's Board on Children, Youth and Families, the recipient of the 2012 Joseph E. Zins Award for Action Research in Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the 2012 Presidential Award from the Society for Prevention Research, the 2009 Flynn Prize for Research from the USC School of Social Work, 1999 August Vollmer Award from the American Society of Criminology, and the 2003 Paul Tappan Award from the Western Society of Criminology. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Experimental Criminology, and the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. He is committed to translating research into effective practice and policy to improve adolescent health and development.

Lisa Sanbonmatsu, Ph.D., National Bureau of Economic Research

Lisa Sanbonmatsu is a senior researcher on the Moving to Opportunity project at the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, MA. She has a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University, an M.S. in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University, and a B.S. in Biology from Stanford University. Her research examines factors affecting the mental health, physical health, education, and economic outcomes of low-income families and their children. Dr. Sanbonmatsu is currently working on the 10-15 year evaluation of the Moving to Opportunity (MTO) for Fair Housing Demonstration Program led by principal investigator Lawrence Katz and directed by Jens Ludwig. MTO is a large randomized social experiment that offered families living in public or assisted housing in high-poverty areas a chance to move to new neighborhoods using a housing voucher. The MTO evaluation focuses on effects on mobility, housing, neighborhoods, social networks, physical and mental health, economic self-sufficiency, risky and criminal behavior, and educational attainment. Interviewers surveyed adults and youth. In addition, the project gathered administrative records on earnings, employment, schooling, TANF and SNAP participation, and arrests. Results suggest that offering women a housing voucher led to reductions in extreme obesity and diabetes.

Recently, Dr. Sanbonmatsu worked with Bridget Terry Long, Eric Bettinger, and Philip Oreopoulos to develop a randomized study in which tax preparers helped low-income families complete financial aid applications for college. The randomized treatment consisted of offering both assistance with the financial aid form and information about college. Findings suggest that this brief intervention led to an increase in aid applications and to higher levels of college attendance for low-income high school seniors. Dr. Sanbonmatsu's collaborative research has been published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Epidemiology*, the *American Journal of Sociology*, the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and the *Journal of Human Resources*.

Richard Spoth, Ph.D., Iowa State University

Dr. Spoth is the F. Wendell Miller Senior Prevention Scientist and the Director of the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute at Iowa State University. As the Institute director, Dr. Spoth provides oversight for an interrelated set of projects addressing a range of research questions on prevention program engagement, program effectiveness, culturally-competent programming, partnership-based dissemination of evidence-based programs, primarily funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among his NIH-funded projects, Dr. Spoth received a MERIT Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for a large-scale study evaluating combined family- and school-based interventions called the Capable Families and Youth Project. Another prevention trial, Project Family, is one of ten projects selected for NIDA's "Preventing Drug Abuse Among Children and Adolescents: A Research-based Guide;" one of the programs it evaluates has received recognition from several federal agencies. Work on a dissemination trial called PROSPER has received awards from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the National 4H Council.

Dr. Spoth has served on numerous federally-sponsored expert and technical review panels addressing issues in prevention research and research-practice integration, currently including the Promise Neighborhood Research Consortium. In addition, he has been invited to testify and brief congress, and to represent the prevention field in presentations to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. With this work, Dr. Spoth received the Prevention Science Award from the Society for Prevention Research for "outstanding contributions to advancing the field of prevention science."