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Co-Directors’ Report

We are pleased to review a few highlights from the University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development’s 23rd year of operation.

Strategic Planning
The Office, in collaboration with its Local and National Advisory Committees, has been engaged in a strategic planning process that will be completed next year. Two things have already emerged. First, both the Division of Applied Research and Evaluation and Policy Initiatives already have hired new staff who bring a more diverse set of skills than were represented previously and as a result have broadened their portfolio of projects. For example, DARE has hired people with backgrounds in business administration, nonprofit management, school-age education and services, child and family welfare, and services management, and Policy Initiatives has added people with experience in community engagement, public health, early care and education policy and administration, and international child welfare policies.

Second, OCD advisors have emphasized the need to include a communications component in every project, emphasizing that developing effective communications is an essential element in both the process and product of every OCD project.

Program Highlights
• Kidsburgh. OCD is collaborating with The Grable Foundation, Saturday Light Brigade, and other community organizations that specialize in youth, volunteerism, communications, and design to develop and test strategies that link children’s voices and experiences to systems change in the region with the goal of making Pittsburgh the best place to rear children.

• Juvenile justice interventions. With the help of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, OCD is partnering with the National Center for Juvenile Justice to develop training and technical assistance to equip Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice providers with the knowledge and skills to deliver quality interventions for youth engaged in the juvenile justice system.

• Pathways to School Success. This set of projects emphasizes preparing families and young children for the transition to kindergarten. Specially designed materials are being used in several communities including the Hill District and Northview Heights in the Pittsburgh Public School District and the Steel Valley School District. The purpose of these projects is to facilitate community-wide school readiness, transition to school, and parent involvement to establish a strong foundation for school success.

• Partnerships for Family Support. OCD continues to support the infrastructure of the family support system in Allegheny County that serves more than 7,000 families in 32 support centers and has more than 800 staff who receive professional training and technical assistance.

• Family Support Conference. OCD coordinated its 16th annual Family Support Conference, which brings together regional specialists in family support services. Next year the conference will be conducted in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children.

• STARS TA. Part of the Keystone STARS quality enhancement program, this project provides hands-on technical assistance to early care and education practitioners seeking to enhance their program quality and to improve outcomes for children in their care while achieving higher Star designations in the STARS program. It operates in five Western Pennsylvania counties.

• Early Head Start. OCD continues to operate an Early Head Start program that provides intense, individualized, comprehensive services to pregnant women, infants/toddlers up to age 3, and their parents to promote positive child outcomes. Services are provided to 170 families in four Pittsburgh communities. OCD is applying for federal stimulus money to expand this program.
• **Early Childhood Mental Health Project.** This project provides on-site support to early care and education practitioners to develop individual plans for young children that address the children’s social/emotional development and provides referral information to families with children who need specialized services. The program operates in five Western Pennsylvania counties.

• **Maternal and child health.** In partnership with RAND-University of Pittsburgh Health Institute, Medicaid managed care organizations, and local providers of health services, OCD is partnering to create systemic changes that address the Institute of Medicine’s “crossing the quality chasm” between physical health and behavioral health, with maternal depression as the first focus.

• **Young Children's Behavioral Health.** OCD is encouraging systems changes to help parents and caregivers of young children with behavioral problems by providing workforce development, training, and clinical support for Allegheny County’s early childhood system of care.

• **After School Programs.** The School-Age Care program, funded by the Southwest Regional Key (five counties), part of the Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality System, works to enhance quality for children attending out-of-school programs. Program staff provide professional development opportunities and on-site technical assistance.

• **Photovoice.** Written and directed by a graduate student and supported by staff at OCD, Photovoice is a program for urban female teens designed to improve their self-confidence and self-esteem by participating in a variety of educational and recreational activities, especially by giving voice to their skills and experiences through photographs.

• **Professional Development Academy.** In collaboration with the School of Education’s Applied Developmental Psychology Program, OCD has created a Professional Development Academy to provide intense mentoring to graduate students interested in careers in applied development and services. Two students successfully completed the first year of this two-year program, having spent the first semester exploring each of OCD’s divisions, followed by selecting a project to pursue more independently.

• **International projects.**

1. **Russian Orphanage Project.** A monograph describing the results of our five-year intervention in collaboration with colleagues in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, to improve the quality of an orphanage and the development of resident children was published. Currently, OCD is following children who were in the intervention orphanages and subsequently placed in families, either in USA adoptive families or St. Petersburg adoptive, foster, or biological families. The project will determine if the interventions had longer-term benefits after children were transferred to different types of families. In addition, much is being learned about the adjustment of children adopted into US families from these and other orphanages prior to the interventions.

2. **Latin American Project.** OCD completed the evaluation of an intervention conducted by Whole Child International of an orphanage in Managua, Nicaragua, and a report has been submitted for publication. In addition, OCD completed baseline assessments in two orphanages in San Salvador, El Salvador, in preparation for the implementation of interventions in these sites.
3. International Conference. OCD organized and convened a project involving two dozen researchers, practice, and policy professionals from eight countries concerned with the development of institutionalized children and those cared for in alternative family environments throughout the world. Chapters were written on several important issues, an immersion-style conference was held in Leiden (Netherlands) in May, and a major publication of these chapters and other products are planned to reach international child welfare organizations with this information.

Financial Highlights
Despite the austere financial times, OCD received 18 new grants this year, totaling $1,204,721.

OCD’s total outside grants in force during the year was $6,294,865 which represented a decrease of 2.6% over last year.

Conclusion
OCD continues to thrive in a constantly changing social and funding environment, thanks to a creative and dedicated staff and wonderful and supportive collaborators whom we very much appreciate.

Sincerely,

Christina J. Groak, PhD                    Robert B. McCall, PhD
Co-Director                             Co-Director
Vision, Mission, and Purposes

Office of Child Development Vision
All children, youth, and families will develop in safe and supportive environments and achieve their full potential.

Description
The University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development is a university-community public-private informational resource and management facility that contributes to the welfare of children, youth, families, and communities in greater Pittsburgh, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation, and around the world.

Constituents
OCD is an intermediate organization serving faculty and administrators of the University, service professionals and agencies, policy makers, public and private funders, and others who work to improve the lives of children, families, and communities.

Mission
OCD facilitates and develops through mutually-beneficial partnerships with its constituencies new knowledge, services, and policies to improve the lives of children and families in five domains:

- Interdisciplinary education and training.
- Interdisciplinary research and scholarship.
- Human service demonstration programs, networking, and strategic planning.
- Program monitoring and evaluation.
- Needs assessments and policy studies.

Specific Purposes
- To create and maintain a supportive and facilitative atmosphere for its constituencies within which interdisciplinary and collaborative activities may be conceived, nurtured, implemented, and managed.
- To provide guidance, assistance, and management for the planning, funding, development, implementation, and operation of innovative collaborative systems, projects, and programs in its domains of activities.
- To provide balanced, non-partisan, research-based information on service needs and program effectiveness communicated in a clear and useful format to those who can apply such information.
- To provide information, technical assistance, and a wide range of interdisciplinary and management services to collaborative projects locally and elsewhere pertaining to university-community partnerships; collaborative demonstration service and policy projects; strategic planning and systems analysis; program monitoring, evaluation, and needs assessments; interdisciplinary and applied scholarship, education, and training; and other activities that promote the welfare of children, youth, families and the communities in which they live.
- To disseminate research and professional information on children, youth, and families through publications, presentations, the popular media, and personal contact to those individuals who can use that information, including academics, service professionals, policy makers, parents, and citizens.
- To be an exemplar of a university-community partnership and explore, demonstrate, and communicate to other universities and communities how such a venture can be beneficial to all partners.
Principles of Operation

The Office of Child Development (OCD) emphasizes certain themes in conducting its activities.

- **OCD emphasizes interdisciplinary or collaborative projects among its constituencies.** If a project resides essentially within a single discipline or is in the proper domain of another single organization, OCD typically defers to that discipline or organization.

- **OCD does not focus its efforts exclusively on one or two problems, issues, or content themes.** Instead, OCD represents an infrastructure and a support facility for educational, scholarly, service, evaluation, and policy projects on any topic pertaining to children, youth, and families and does not focus exclusively or primarily on any single issue.

- **OCD prefers to operate collaborations with its constituencies in a partnership manner.** This means that collaborators share in the rights, responsibilities, and credit in selecting a topic, planning and implementing a project, operating it, and reporting its results.

- **OCD tends to be responsive and flexible in the selection of special projects.** Because of its partnership style, new projects are typically selected when OCD and its constituencies find that a need exists, agencies and personnel are available, and funding for the project is possible. Consequently, while OCD does initiate projects, its agenda is often set in collaboration with its constituent partners.

- **OCD is prepared to operate in a timely, often rapid, manner.** Many of OCD’s partners operate on short deadlines and OCD attempts to maintain the capability and flexibility to meet such needs.

- **OCD attempts to facilitate, coordinate, and help others meet their goals and objectives and does not necessarily need to play a lead or continuing role in a project.** While OCD does operate numerous projects when the collaborators request that the Office play such a continuing role, OCD also enhances capacity in other organizations and individuals so that they, not OCD, will operate the project as appropriate.

Consequently, OCD will play any appropriate role in a collaborative project consistent with its mission and principles regardless of whether the funding comes to OCD or to another organization. Further, OCD spins off or transfers projects when they no longer need OCD or do not fit OCD’s project criteria.

- **As long as core funding permits, OCD does not charge or extract quid pro quo benefits from participating groups or projects.** This policy attempts to preserve trust and confidence in OCD as a fair and independent manager of collaborations. However, funded projects that request OCD to perform a continuing administrative or technical service typically pay OCD for that service.

- **OCD does not operate direct services.** Since OCD attempts not to compete with its constituencies, OCD does not deliver routine professional or human services, although OCD may coordinate existing services and supervise case-management functions in situations in which it is necessary or desirable to do so.

- **OCD has no formal membership.** Its services and assistance are available to any of its constituencies, and anyone is eligible to be a partner in its collaborative projects.

- **OCD promotes the welfare of children, youth, and families, but it is not a partisan political advocate.** OCD prefers to operate as an independent, credible, unbiased, and balanced source of information and administrative manager of service demonstrations, program evaluations, needs assessments, and policy projects on behalf of children, youth, and families rather than as an advocate for specific pieces of legislation or partisan issues.

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Project Criteria

As noted in the Principles of Operation, the Office of Child Development operates in a flexible, responsive, and often rapid manner in collaboration with its faculty, service professional, funder, and legislative constituencies to create new projects. Criteria considered before taking on a project include:

- The project pertains to children, youth, families, or the communities in which they live.
- The project represents an innovative demonstration of new knowledge, techniques, best practices, and state-of-the-art activities, the purpose of which is to create new information about the project, its feasibility, and its effectiveness.

- Some appropriate evaluation will be conducted to assess the project's process and outcome effectiveness.
- The project has implications for education, research, services, policy, or the welfare of children, youth, and families beyond the specific project itself, and some provision is made to communicate the results of the project.
- The project is a collaboration of stakeholders operating in a partnership mode.

National Advisory Board

The National Advisory Board meets biennially and provides the Provost of the University, OCD's Local Advisory Board, and OCD's Co-Directors with a review and evaluation of OCD's programmatic activities and internal administration. It places OCD in national perspective with respect to the purpose, nature, and relevance of its projects, successes and challenges, prospects for funding, stature relevant to other such units in the country, role in the University and local and national communities, and future directions.

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Weiss’s project provides information about the development, implementation, and evaluation of family support and education programs for policy makers, program directors, and evaluation researchers. Dr. Weiss is a consultant to numerous organizations dealing with family programs and their evaluation.
Local Advisory Board

The Local Advisory Board is comprised of leaders from OCD’s constituencies of University administrators, community service professionals, private enterprise representatives, funders, and policy makers. The Board meets twice a year to advise OCD on broad programmatic and administrative matters, and OCD works with individual Board members on more specific issues as needed throughout the year.

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The mission of the Office of Child Development (OCD) is to improve the lives of children and families.

Most of OCD’s projects involve four basic functions:

- **Analyze** information from research and professional practice.

- **Innovate** with service demonstrations and applied research.

- **Learn** and improve through monitoring and evaluation.

- **Change** practice and policy based on knowledge.

While these functions are often implemented in the above sequence, projects can start with any function and move in any sequence with continuous reciprocal influence between functions.
Office of Child Development Divisions

Division of Applied Research and Evaluation

General Purpose
Through teaching and training, evaluating programs, and applying research to practice, the Applied Research and Evaluation team aims to improve the capacity of our non-profit and governmental partners to serve children and families. Our team helps partners develop sensible and feasible evaluation plans, integrate research evidence into practice in a pragmatic manner, and identify impact opportunities where the social needs, research knowledge, and organizational missions converge. Our interdisciplinary team is comprised of experienced professionals, with expertise in developmental, educational, social, and community psychology; program evaluation; business management; social work; teaching and instruction; and statistics. We collaborate with partners across practitioner, policy, and research arenas. Our current portfolio of projects pertains to youth development, out-of-school time, family support, juvenile justice interventions, and communication methods and issues relating to the children’s agenda.

Illustrative Activities
We continue to collaborate with community partners to make data make sense, make research relevant, and make evaluation useful in serving children and families. In program evaluation and technical assistance, we aim to steer our work towards providing learning opportunities for programs being evaluated, rather than having evaluation serve merely as an instrument of accountability and reporting. We emphasize the process and quality of implementation, rather than focusing solely on outcomes or adopting so-called “Gold Standard programs”. Working with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, our team is partnering with the National Center for Juvenile Justice to develop training and technical assistance to equip Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice providers with the knowledge and skills to deliver quality juvenile justice interventions. We are also conducting a multidisciplinary exploration into how we can best communicate children’s needs to the public and engage the public in the children’s agenda. In the most recent Kidsburgh project – making Pittsburgh the best place on earth for children – we are partnering with organizations that understand youth voices, volunteerism, communication, and design to develop and test strategies that link children’s voices and experiences to system change. We also continue our efforts to provide research, evaluation, and other assistance to various youth development agencies. Lastly, we are developing research and funding ideas with Family Communications, Inc., to transform what is well known in basic research about children’s self-belief and achievement into useful tools to communicate to children, parents, and teachers.

Current Projects
We continue on two tracks with our projects: 1) provide training, technical assistance, and evaluation support to our core base of partners, including Allegheny County Department of Human Services (Family Support, System of Care), the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and various local non-profits serving youth; and 2) build partnerships and proposals to seek new opportunities to apply research to practice.

Junlei Li, Division Director

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Division of Service Demonstrations

General Purpose
The Service Demonstrations Division works with partners to develop and implement quality service models that improve the lives of children and parents. It especially promotes programs designed and governed by participants and...
communities. Through this work, services and evaluation are integrated to improve programs; lessons learned are identified and disseminated to a broad audience; and assistance is made available to providers and community groups to build capacity to improve outcomes for children.

**Illustrative Activities**

Communities of Excellence works in collaboration with multiple community partners to align and focus energy, activities, and programs on supporting the transition into kindergarten. Built upon the lessons learned from the Family Centers of Excellence project, described below, this project expands efforts to all children in the Hill and Northview communities, and works in collaboration with Pittsburgh Public Schools, neighborhood and school leaders, community parents and other residents. The purpose is to facilitate and integrate community wide school readiness, transition to school, and parent involvement strategies to establish a strong foundation for school success.

**Current Projects**

The Early Childhood Mental Health Project provides on-site support to early care and education practitioners in Allegheny, Greene, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. An early childhood mental health specialist, at the invitation of a facility’s director and with the permission of the parents, observes an infant or toddler in the classroom, develops an individual plan to address the child’s social/emotional development, communicates concerns to parents, and provides referral information to families with children who may need specialized services.

Early Head Start is an 11-year project that provides intense, individualized, comprehensive services to pregnant women, infants/toddlers (up to age 3), and their parents to promote positive child outcomes. Services are provided to 170 families in Clairton, Sto-Rox, the Hill District, and East End communities of Pittsburgh in collaboration with community-based agencies.

The Family Centers of Excellence Project facilitates the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies that support two communities to strengthen their commitment to school readiness. This is achieved through integrated, intensive, community, and family approaches that support young children and their families. These strategies are designed to be sustained beyond this two-year project and replicated in other communities. In each of these communities, the family support center serves as the focal point for outreach, collaboration, service delivery, and community engagement. Intensive technical assistance is provided to the two centers to strengthen their overall quality.

Partnerships for Family Support (PFS) provides professional development and support to the 30 family support centers of Allegheny County and the infrastructure of the family support system. This includes the Family Support Policy Board and its committees (Executive, Quality Assurance, and Advocacy), the Roundtable, Site Directors Network, and Community Voices. Close to 7,000 families are enrolled in family support centers, and over 800 staff receive opportunities for professional growth through the Division.

STARS TA is part of the Keystone STARS quality enhancement programs. Hands-on technical assistance is made available to early care and education practitioners seeking to enhance their program quality and to improve outcomes for the children in their care, while achieving higher Star designations in the STARS program. Using a broad range of consultants, this program delivers and coordinates technical assistance to practitioners in Allegheny, Greene, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

The School Age Care (SAC) Project is part of the Keystone STARS quality enhancement programs. Professional development and hands-on technical assistance is made available to practitioners who are caring for school-age children and are seeking to enhance their program quality and improve outcomes for the children in their care. This program delivers and coordinates professional development and technical assistance to practitioners in Allegheny, Greene, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

*Laurie Mulvey, Division Director*
Division of Policy Initiatives

General Purpose
The Policy Initiatives Division focuses on improving outcomes for children and families by informing policy makers of relevant research, best practices, and evaluation results. The goal is to effect change in related public policy, funding and professional practices. The initiatives include families, related organizations, interested professionals, educators and public officials.

Current Projects
Policy Initiatives is continuing prior work in policy development, systems reform, public engagement, program improvement, and public/private partnerships. Policy Initiatives currently works in three areas:

Maternal and Child Health. In partnership with the RAND-University of Pittsburgh Health Institute, Medicaid managed care organization and local providers of care, we are partnering to increase the identification of maternal depression and access to care.

Young Children's Behavioral Health. Policy Initiatives is making several efforts at policy and systems change to provide help in a timely way to parents and caregivers of young children with behavioral problems. In partnership with The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers, Policy Initiatives is providing workforce development, training, and clinical support for Allegheny County’s Early Childhood System of Care.

Early Childhood Education. We are leading a local collaborative to expand quality early childhood education, to broaden the partnerships with business and legislators, to strengthen transition with school districts, and to improve the linkage of early care and education providers with early intervention services.

In each project, there are collaborations with primary partners, development of intermediaries, formation of policy collaboratives, work with other OCD divisions, use of data and best practices, close relationships with funders, information for policy makers, and learning/evaluation.

Ray Firth, Division Director

Division of Administrative Operations

General Purpose
Administrative Operations is responsible for providing administrative support for all divisions of the Office of Child Development.

Illustrative Activities
The division supports all phases of grant management, including budget development, expenditure processing and budget monitoring. It provides financial information and reports both internally and to funders. Administrative Operations facilitates computer services, facilities management, policy and procedural issues and telecommunications. Additionally, it coordinates all aspects of Human Resources, including the writing and revising of job descriptions; the hiring process; orientation of new employees; and benefit information. We link OCD with other University administrative departments, such as the Office of Research, Payment Processing, Research/Cost Accounting, and Human Resources.

Current Projects
We are continuing to update the OCD internal web site.

We are investigating an expeditious/effective way for staff to access the OCD servers from home. Current firewall restrictions have been prohibitive in resolving this issue.

We are working with the School of Education to complete the OCD migration to IT Works, the SOE fiscal management system.

Roger Fustich, Division Director
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Partnerships for Family Support
Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
Family Resources
Focus On Renewal Sto-Rox Neighborhood Corporation
Jubilee Association
Kingsley Association
Primary Care Health Services, Inc.
Providence Connections, Inc.
Rankin Christian Center
South Hills Interfaith Ministries
Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
YMCA of Homewood-Brushton

Pathways to School Success (Centers of Excellence in School Readiness, Communities of School Readiness, Transition Projects)
Beginning with Books
Family Resources
Hill District Transition Team
Northview Transition Team
Pittsburgh Public Schools
Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
Steel Valley School District
Steel Valley Transition Team

Early Head Start
Alliance for Infants and Toddlers
Allegheny County Health Department
Community Human Services Corporation
Family Services of Western Pennsylvania
Focus On Renewal Sto-Rox Neighborhood Corporation
Mercy Behavioral Health
The Consortium for Public Education

Keystone STARS TA & School Age Care
Beginning with Books
Early Head Start, Head Start, Pre-K Counts Coaches
Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children
Shady Lane School
Reports and Publications


Presentations


Groark, C. J. (June 2009). “Early Intervention Practices for Young Children with or At-Risk for Delays.” Presented at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China.


Training Workshops and Conferences Sponsored

**Family Support Conference**

**Unlocking Resources: Parent Leadership is the Key**

May 19, 2009.

The Family Support Conference brings together parents, human service providers, policy makers, and community members to learn about cutting edge policy, programming, and the sharing of expertise to improve the lives of children and their families. This year’s conference focused on how strong parent leadership strengthens families, organizations, and communities. Attendees learned how to develop as a leader, tap into parent leaders as an invaluable resource, and foster partnerships amongst parents and service providers.


**Other Training**


New Grants Awarded


“Leiden Conference: The Development of Children Reared in Institutions and Alternative Care Environments,” grant provided by Leiden University for Leiden conference expenses, (May 2009), $21,000.


Continuing Grants in Force

Bachman, H. “Identifying Child Care,” The Spencer Foundation, (May 2008 – August 2010), $449,800.


## Grant History Summary

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Figures are based on a budget year September 1 through August 30. Lump sum funds are averaged over years and months within years. Figures do not represent the office’s actual annual budget, as funds granted for a period may not be spent in that period. Figures include graduate student support remission, special project grants, and endowment funds that cannot be spent.
Office of Child Development Awards

The University of Pittsburgh School of Education presented the Faculty Research Award to Christina J. Groark, Ph.D. in recognition of her significant contributions to implementation of interventions that promote the development of at-risk children. April, 2009.

The Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice in Division 37 of the American Psychological Association presented the Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award to Laurie Mulvey, M.S.W. in recognition of her significant contributions to advocacy for children and their families. August, 2007.

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