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MEDIA ADVISORY

Panel to Discuss Translating Research on Early Childhood Experiences into Effective Policy for Connecticut

On November 5th more than 100 invited early child development professionals and policymakers will gather at a working summit designed to spark ideas and strategies for **translating research on early childhood experiences and infant attachment into effective policy solutions**. The Connecticut Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, a project of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, is sponsoring the summit in partnership with the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut (CHDI) and the Connecticut Mirror.

The *Starting Early / Starting Now* summit begins with a panel discussion inspired by Arielle Levin Becker's series, *Starting Early: The Long Reach of Childhood Trauma*, published online by the Connecticut Mirror in January 2015. Her series highlights years of research on how early childhood experiences, both good and bad, alter a child's life-long outcomes and affect the health of our collective communities. She identifies the factors that can protect against these effects and describes a range of Connecticut-based preventative interventions to help families. Panelist will discuss challenges faced and opportunities for using neuroscience and infant mental health research to develop policies that foster the best start in life for Connecticut's children.

DETAILS: Starting Early/Starting Now: Designing Policy for the Best Start in Life for Connecticut's Children

Thursday, November 5, 2015

The Pond House at Elizabeth Park, West Hartford, CT

Welcome and Panel (Open Media): 9:00 am - 10:15 am

Moderator: Arielle Levin Becker, Health Reporter, Connecticut Mirror

Panelists: Commissioner Myra Jones-Taylor, Office of Early Childhood
Commissioner Roderick Bremby, Department of Social Services
Judith Meyers, President & CEO, Child Health & Development Institute
Megan Smith, Assistant Professor, Yale University

Following the panel, attendees will break into small discussion groups to generate policy recommendations. Lunch is followed by a FrameWorks Institute presentation.

MEDIA: Event registration is closed, however **credentialed media may attend**. Contact Julie Tacinelli Tacinelli@uchc.edu at (860)-679-1534 if you would like to attend.

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