

Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs and Their Families

April 14-15, 2014

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Location

Natcher Conference Center (Building 45), NIH Main Campus, Bethesda, Maryland

Purpose

This conference brings together military families, leading civilian and military researchers, providers of educational and health care services, and other stakeholders who care for the mental and physical health of children and families connected to the military.

For this conference, special health care needs are defined as *having or being at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and that requires health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required generally*. Nearly 14% of children in the United States have special health care needs; however, less is known about the prevalence of these needs among military connected children.

The conference will explore what is known about military connected children with special health care needs in terms of their educational, psychosocial, and physical health statuses. Participants will also explore gaps in the knowledge base especially as they relate to disparities in health care access and utilization within these families.

The goal is to increase participants' knowledge and awareness of military connected children with special health care needs and their families and to identify areas where more research and expanded services are needed. Additional objectives include:

- Examining current knowledge about the demographics and health status of military children with special health care needs
- Identifying the gaps in knowledge about these children and how these gaps may be addressed
- Recommending next steps for research and services to improve the health and quality of life for these children and their families.

HSC Foundation President Thomas Chapman, NICHD Director Dr. Alan Guttmacher will speak at the conference, in addition to a list of invited speakers.

This meeting is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited; therefore registration will be confirmed on a first-come/first-serve basis.

April 14, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Check In**
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
The HSC Foundation and NICHD Partnership and Mission
- *Tom Chapman*
President, The HSC Foundation
 - *Alan Guttmacher*
Director, NICHD, NIH, HHS
 - *The Significance of the Topic*
- Objectives, Priorities, and Expected Outcomes*
- *Valerie Maholmes*
Chief, Pediatric Trauma and Critical Illness Branch (PTCIB), NICHD, NIH, HHS
- 9:25 a.m. Introduction of Keynote Speakers**
Alan Guttmacher
Director, NICHD, NIH, HHS
- 9:30 a.m. Overview of the Needs of Children with Special Health Care Needs and Their Families**
Judith Palfrey
T. Berry Brazelton Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School
- 9:45 a.m. Current Knowledge About Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs and Their Families: What We Know and What We Don't Know**
Beth Ellen Davis
Colonel, US Army (retired), Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics
- 10:15 a.m. Questions & Answers**
Judith Palfrey (Moderator)

T. Berry Brazelton Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Panel: Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs: Putting It All Into Context

Mary M. Keller (Moderator)

President and CEO, Military Child Education Coalition

- *Anissa Davis – Military Spouse - Navy*
- *Lynda Honberg – Family Voices.org*
- *Jeremy Hilton, 2012 Military Spouse of the year*
- *James Richards, Navy Spouse, NIH Veterans Recruitment Force*
- *Richard M. Lerner (Discussant)*
Chair, Applied Developmental Science, Tufts University; Editor, *Applied Developmental Science*

11:45 a.m. Questions & Answers

Mary M. Keller (Moderator)

President and CEO, Military Child Education Coalition

12:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30 p.m. Panel: Health Care Access and Utilization by Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs and Their Families

Cicely Burrows-McElwain (Moderator)

Public Health Advisor, Child Trauma Program, SAMHSA

- *Paramjit T. Joshi*
Children's National Medical Center
George Washington University School of Medicine
- *Mary Jo Larson - Senior Scientist in Behavioral Health, Brandeis University*
- *L. Christopher Plein -*
Eberly Professor of Outstanding Public Service, West Virginia University

2:30 p.m. Charge to the Working Groups

Michael Marge

National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR), NICHD, NIH, HHS

2:40 p.m. Concurrent Working Group Sessions

Family Issues of Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs

- Working Group 1A: Room F1/F2
Lisa Kaeser (Moderator)
Chief, Office of Legislation and Public Policy (OLPP), NICHD, NIH, HHS
- Working Group 1B: Balcony A
Jennifer Dailey-Perkins (Moderator)
Transition and Outreach Specialist, DoDEA

Health Care Utilization by Military Connected Children and Their Families

- Working Group 2A: Room D
Rebecca Lombardi (Moderator)
Program Analyst, Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs, Office of the Secretary of Defense/ Military community and Family Policy
- Working Group 2B: Balcony B
Maria Barkmeier (Moderator)
Florida Military Family Special Needs Network, Member of the Planning Committee

4:10 p.m. Plenary Session and Brief Questions & Answers

Michael Marge (Moderator)
NCMRR, NICHD, NIH, HHS

- Working Group 1A Presentation
- Working Group 1B Presentation
- Working Group 2A Presentation
- Working Group 2B Presentation
- Questions to be addressed to each of the groups:

4:50 p.m. Closing Remarks and Discussion of Next Day Activities

Valerie Maholmes
Chief, PTCIB, NICHD, NIH, HHS

5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day

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April 15, 2014

7:30 a.m. Check In

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks and Review of the Conference on Day One and Plans for Day Two

Valerie Maholmes (Moderator)
Chief, PTCIB, NICHD, NIH, HHS

8:45 a.m. Introduction of Panel Discussion on Health Disparities in Civilian and Military Connected Children With Special Health Care Needs

Valerie Maholmes (Moderator)
Chief, PTCIB, NICHD, NIH, HHS

Health Disparities in Civilian Children With Special Health Care Needs

Myra Rosen Reynoso

Senior Research Associate, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Health Disparities in Military Connected Children With and Without Special Health Care Needs

Beth Hisle-Gorman

Senior Researcher, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Gregory H. Gorman MD MHS

Commander, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Uniformed Services University

9:45 a.m. Q & A

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Concurrent Working Group Sessions

Health Disparities in Military Connected Children With and Without Special Health Care Needs

- Working Group 1A/1C: Balcony A
Myra Rosen Reynoso (Moderator)
Senior Research Associate, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Working Group 1B/1D: Balcony B
Judith Palfrey (Moderator)
T. Berry Brazelton Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

- 11:30 a.m.** **Plenary Reports and Report of the Working Groups**
Jessie MacKinnon
Vice President, Programs and Partnerships, The HSC Foundation
- Working Group 1A Presentation
 - Working Group 1B Presentation
- 12 noon** **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:30 p.m.** *Overview of Afternoon Session Goals – Focus on Best Practices. What are we currently doing that works well? John Mathewson, Executive Vice President, Strategy & Operations, The HSC Foundation*
- 1:40 p.m.** **Educational Practices for Serving Military Connected Children with Special Needs**
Lori Pickel (Moderator)
Chief, Early Education Branch, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)
- *David Cantrell*
Chief, Student Support Services, DoDEA
 - Rebecca Walawender, Deputy Division Director, Office of Special Education Programs
 - John Mathewson, *Executive Vice President, Strategy & Operations, The HSC Foundation*
- 2:35 p.m.** ***TriCare for Kids: Best Practices in Medical, Behavioral and Mental Health Services to Military Connected Children with Special Health Care Needs***
Stephen Cozza (Moderator/Discussant)
COL, U.S. Army Retired, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
- *Mr. Jeremy Hilton - Navy Veteran, Air Force Spouse 2012 Military Spouse of the Year*

- *Ms. Kara Oakley -Oakley Capitol Consulting, LLC*
- *Captain Kathryn M. Beasley USN (Ret.) Deputy Director,
Government Relations (Health Affairs)
Military Officers Association of America*
- *Mary Andrus
Assistant Vice President, Government Relations
Easter Seals*

3:15 p.m. *Both Panels Come Together for Final Q & A*
Moderators – Cicely Burrows- McElwain;

3:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

- *Valerie Maholmes*
Chief, PTCIB, NICHD, NIH, HHS
- *Jessie MacKinnon*
Vice President, Programs and Partnerships, HSC Foundation

4:00 p.m. **Conference Adjourned**