

Health and Society Seminar Series



Improving Child Outcomes by Targeting Parents: Easier Said Than Done

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Parenting practices can have significant impacts on child health and well-being. Prevention and treatment interventions targeted at parents have become more widespread. In practice, however, such efforts are fraught with challenges. There are research-practice gaps, such as whether the "right" program is delivered in the "right" way, as well as service-use gaps, are we reaching the "right" people with the "right" dose? This seminar will explore these ideas drawing on the research literature and practical examples and experience. It will also raise broader questions about how the evidence about these types of interventions is constructed.

Dr. John McLennan is an assistant professor in the Departments of Community Health Sciences, Psychiatry, and Paediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. His primary research interest is in identifying how society is trying to improve the outcomes of vulnerable children and to what effect. He provides mental health consultation to the Alberta Children's Hospital and to C.O.P.E., a school-mental health partnership program in Calgary elementary schools. Dr. McLennan also provides consultation to a hospital-based treatment program for malnourished children in the Dominican Republic.

This Seminar Series is hosted by the Population Health Intervention Research Centre (www.ucalgary.ca/PHIRC). We'd like it to reflect a range of perspectives and interests. We welcome participation. Please contact Lindsay Bradshaw, at ph (403) 210 9316; or by email bradshaw@ucalgary.ca if you have any ideas or suggestions.



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