Center for Family Resilience

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Discovery solutions for today’s families
PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• The Center for Family Resilience was established in 2009 by the College of Human Sciences.

• With the arrival in 2011 of Joseph Grzywacz, Kaiser Family Endowed Chair in Family Resilience and CFR director, the leadership structure of the CFR is established. The CFR now has three Associate Directors for Research and Community Engagement, Education, and Translation programs.

• Martha Zapata Roblyer, formerly a Human Development and Family Science doctoral student of OSU in Tulsa, was the first student in the history of the College of Human Sciences to receive a dissertation grant from the National Institutes of Health.

• CFR faculty guest-edited a special issue called “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Family Resilience” for Family Relations, a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the National Council on Family Relations. The special issue is expected to be published in May/June 2015.

• The CFR and the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative hosted The Power of Fathers on August 7th, 2014. Eighteen individuals representing private donors, foundations, Family and Children's Services, The Parent-Child Center and members of the community attended the community forum. This event was the first step in a series of activities intended to build a community discussion and action around fathering.

• In response to a request by the primary Spanish radio and television station, the CFR hosted a “Capacity for School Success” event in the Latino community in March 2014. More than 150 people attended this event, which was held at Las Americas.
ONGOING PROJECTS

- The 2014 Chautauqua conference was held in November. Since 2008, the annual conference has brought together experts in health and development from across the lifespan. Presenters from across the country come to present informative presentations about building resilience in the face of chronic health conditions. The content of the Chautauqua is being developed into an edited volume entitled “Resilience in Families with a Chronic Medical Condition” that will be published by Springer Press in the fall of 2015.

- Juntos (Together) is a joint project with Tulsa Public Schools and OSU Cooperative Extension. An intensive 12-month program for Latino youth and families increases parental engagement in school, improves academic grades with the goal of higher education, while decreasing risky behavior associated with school dropout.

- Data collection for the Tulsa 100 Family Study is complete. These data were helpful in securing a grant from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science (OCAST), and they have forged research partnerships between OSU in Tulsa, OSU Health Sciences and OSU Stillwater faculty. These data are fueling one dissertation by an OSU in Tulsa student and have provided the foundation for two poster presentations by graduate students at regional conferences.

- The CFR has become the Oklahoma coordinator for the Family Development Credential (FDC). The FDC is a national credential that enables individuals in Family Advocate roles to better serve families. The CFR has successfully recruited its first cohort of Head Start Family Service workers to begin FDC training in 2015.

- The CFR held their second annual Hispanic Health Fair on October 11, 2014. There were over 400 attendees from the Hispanic community. The fair provided the participants with information to help inform healthful choices and behaviors. Multiple screenings were provided for all ages. The next fair is scheduled for April 25, 2015.

- The CFR is coordinating the distribution of Sesame Street Workshop’s “Parental Incarceration” toolkit to support children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers.

FUTURE ENDEAVORS

- The CFR is partnering with the OSU Center for Health Sciences to create a new internship program. The pilot program will involve the CFR coordinating interns from the College of Human Sciences for placement in the pediatrics unit at OSU Health Sciences, as well as remote primary care locations.

- At the request of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health, the CFR will work with school districts to implement the Good Behavior Game which rewards children for displaying appropriate on-task behaviors in the classroom. The CFR will provide evaluation of the program in the 2015-2016 school year.

- The CFR is partnering with the OSU Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to relaunch PlanLine and BabyLine to help ensure all women in metro Tulsa region have access to high quality birth control and prenatal care. These tools will also be used to collect data that will be used to create new standards for person-centered care for uninsured and underinsured women.
DID YOU KNOW?

Oklahoma ranks:

7th Obesity
11th Heart Disease
8th Hypertension
7th Diabetes

6,400 babies are born to school-age teens

2008 44,000 2012 56,000
Oklahoma children whose parents are not U.S. citizens

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22% of Oklahoma students do not complete a high school education

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24.1% of Oklahoma children live in poverty
17.2% of Oklahomans live in poverty

33% of children live in a single parent household

26,106 children in Oklahoma had an incarcerated parent in 2011

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