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*The Consortium is a national, interdisciplinary member organization of highly regarded university-based child and family policy research centers, institutes, and programs.*

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*This is a periodic newsletter of the Consortium. We welcome your feedback and submissions for inclusion in future issues.*

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is our first issue. All candid feedback is greatly appreciated. We will circulate a new issue approximately once a month. Please contact [Genevieve Benedetti](mailto:gbenedetti@chapinhall.org) at [gbenedetti@chapinhall.org](mailto:gbenedetti@chapinhall.org) with any suggestions, ideas for content, questions, or comments. Thank you!

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**Issue I**

**Member Feature**

**Consortium member Christina Groark (University of Pittsburgh) is editor of new book, *Early Childhood Intervention: Shaping the Future for Children with Special Needs and Their Families***

*Early Childhood Intervention: Shaping the Future for Children with Special Needs and Their Families* is a three-volume set in which a diverse array of experts discuss key aspects of policies, laws, rights, programs, and services available to special needs children today. The work explores issues affecting both children with psychological disorders and those with physical challenges, such as children who are blind or hearing impaired. Christina Groark is Associate Professor of Education and Co-Director of the University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development.

*Suggest another Consortium member to feature: E-mail [gbenedetti@chapinhall.org](mailto:gbenedetti@chapinhall.org).*

### **Consortium News**

**Member Cathy Jordan (University of Minnesota) offers advice on achieving tenure for policy scholars**

On May 14, Consortium member Cathy Jordan (University of Minnesota) gave a presentation to the Research Interest Group on how to navigate the tenure process as community-based scholars. Dr. Jordan is the Executive Director of the Children, Youth, and Family Consortium and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. Contact [shannon.smith@duke.edu](mailto:shannon.smith@duke.edu) to join Research Interest Group meetings.

**Consortium hosts first Information Session for existing and potential members**

On May 5, Consortium leadership hosted a special conference call for potential new members. [Click here](#) for presentation slides. If you would be interested in joining future information sessions, please e-mail Shannon Smith at [shannon.smith@duke.edu](mailto:shannon.smith@duke.edu).

**Research Interest Group adds co-chair**

In May, member Anne-Marie Iselin (Duke University) joined Rachel Gordon (University of Illinois at Chicago) as co-chair of the Consortium Research Interest Group. Dr. Iselin is a research scientist at the Duke University Center for Child and Family Policy. Contact [shannon.smith@duke.edu](mailto:shannon.smith@duke.edu) to join Research Interest Group meetings.

**Consortium welcomes intern Erin Bumgarner (Columbia University)**

Erin Bumgarner (Columbia University) joined the Consortium as an intern in May to help advance the mission of the Careers Interest Group. She is a Graduate Research Fellow at the National Center for Children and Families and a doctoral student in Developmental Psychology at Teachers College at Columbia University. Her research focus is the development of children from immigrant families and she is particularly interested in how research can be used to inform early interventions and policies to benefit these children and their families.

**Website Update—Learn about Consortium Interest Groups**

[Click here](#) to learn about Consortium Interest Groups (Research, Careers, and Engagement) on the Consortium website.

*Calendar ~ Contact [shannon.smith@duke.edu](mailto:shannon.smith@duke.edu) for call-in information*

**Monday, July 18: Careers Interest Group, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. (EDT)**

- The Careers group meets monthly, every 3rd Monday. Co-Chairs: [Sara Benning](#) (University of Minnesota) and [Stephanie Curenton](#) (Rutgers).

**Wednesday, July 20:** There are three confirmed members attending next week's [National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy](#) at Bridgewater University. Members will be meeting at Maeve Gearing's poster session *Girls and Weight Loss: What Messages are Programs Sending?* at **12:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, July 20th** in Crimson Hall. If you are also attending, please stop by and introduce yourself so that we can introduce ourselves and find other opportunities to connect while at the conference.

If you have questions or would like to find another time to meet, please feel free to contact Consortium member Sara Benning (University of Minnesota) on her cell phone at (612) 581-6341 or by emailing her at [sbenning@umn.edu](mailto:sbenning@umn.edu).

**Friday, July 22: Engagement Interest Group, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. (EDT)**

- The group meets twice a month, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Co-chairs: [Jenni Owen](#) (Duke) and [Ray Firth](#) (Pitt).

**Tuesday, August 9: Research Interest Group, 1-2 p.m. (EDT)**

- The group meets monthly, every 2nd Tuesday. Co-chairs: [Rachel Gordon](#) (University of Illinois at Chicago) and [Anne-Marie Iselin](#) (Duke).

**Monday, August 15: Careers Interest Group, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. (EDT)**

- The Careers group meets monthly, every 3rd Monday. Co-Chairs: [Sara Benning](#) (University of Minnesota) and [Stephanie Curenton](#) (Rutgers).

**Friday, August 26: Engagement Interest Group, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. (EDT)**

- The group meets twice a month, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Co-chairs: [Jenni Owen](#) (Duke) and [Ray Firth](#) (Pitt).

***Resources (Grants, Policy Briefs, & Conferences)***

**Grant: SRCD 2012-2013 Policy Fellowship applications due December 15, 2011**

SRCD has two types of Fellowships: Congressional and Executive Branch. Applicants must have a doctoral-level degree in any relevant discipline, must demonstrate exceptional competence in an area of child development research, and must be a member of SRCD.

Both early-career and advanced professionals are encouraged to apply. [Click here](#) to go to SRCD website.

**Policy Brief: “Evidence-Informed Policymaking: Increasing Outcomes and Accountability for Children, Youth and Families”**

University of Minnesota Children, Youth & Family Consortium (CYFC), 2010 Minnesota Family Impact Seminar Briefing Report. This brief outlines how state policymakers can effectively use data and research to inform child and family policy.

**Briefing Report: “Preventing Childhood Obesity: Policy and Practice Strategies for North Carolina”**

The Center for Child and Family Policy at Duke produced this briefing report in conjunction with their 2011 Family Impact Seminar.

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