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Departmental Seminar (Via Zoom)

Screening and Early Detection of Developmental Delays, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Mental Health Needs

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | September 6, 2023 (Wednesday)



Professor Alice S. Carter

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Abstract

The focus of the talk will be the importance of recognizing the high co-occurrence of Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and mental health needs in early childhood. I will present a recent screening study that we completed in three agencies who are part of the Massachusetts federal early intervention system, including our screening model and new data highlighting the possible impacts of delays in social-emotional competence and social-emotional problems on developmental gains for children in the Part C Early Intervention system. I will also highlight the importance of viewing screening as a process that occurs between professionals and family members, discuss what we should be screening for in early childhood, and conclude with thoughts about how we can disseminate evidence-informed screening and intervention practices in the Federal Part C Early Intervention System and other sustainable systems to begin to address the many unmet mental health needs in the USA.

About the Speaker

Professor Alice Carter is a Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology in the Psychology Department at the University of Massachusetts Boston, an Associate Research Scientist at the Yale Child Study Center, and a Research Associate in the Boston University Medical School Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology. Professor Carter majored in Human Development and Family Studies at Cornell University, where she received her B.S. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Houston and completed her pre-doctoral clinical internship and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Boston she was an Associate Professor in the Psychology Department at Yale University. Her primary area of research is infant, toddler, and preschool psychopathology, with an emphasis on early detection, characterization, and amelioration of social-emotional problems and delays in competence, including autism spectrum and anxiety disorders. Trained as a Clinical Psychologist, Professor Carter's work focuses on young children's development in the context of family relationships, with an emphasis on the early identification of psychopathology and neuro-developmental disorders and contextual factors that place children at risk for difficulties in social and emotional development.

Zoom Meeting

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~All are Welcome~

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