



Newsletter, January 2019

Giving Societies Announced

The Founders Society celebrates those donors who give at a leadership level in support of the Center for Children and Families. Inaugural members of the Founders Society donate at least \$1,000 annually to the Center, leading the way in the Center's efforts to promote and support strong foundations for developmentally at-risk children.

The Sustainers Society honors those supporters of the Center for Children and Families who generously donate to the Center, year after year. Become a member after two or more consecutive years of donating to CCF.

[See here for our inaugural list of members](#)

2019 Spring Lecture Series on "Two Generations at a Time: Parent Influences on Child Development"

Sponsored by:

Join us for our 11th annual series of lectures held on Friday mornings, from 9:30am - 10:30am in the Davidson Auditorium ([JSOM 1.118](#)) at The University of Texas at Dallas (800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson TX 75080). All lectures are free and open to the public! See [our website](#) for lecture descriptions, parking passes, and parking maps.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
January 18	"Strategic Parenting: Embracing Hard Discussions to Enrich Children's Development"	Shayla Holub, PhD, UTD Candice Mills, PhD, UTD Jackie Nelson, PhD, UTD
February 22	"A Relational Health Perspective on Early Development"	Cynthia Frosch, PhD, University of North Texas

March 1

"Dads and Their Kids: The Role of Positive Father-Child Relationships for Early Development"

Margaret Caughy, ScD,
University of Georgia

The Language in Motion Lab Seeks Study Participants for 2 Studies

Language and Motor Development and Learning:

Children aged 4-5 years are invited to participate in a [research project on language and motor development and learning](#). English-speaking children who have language difficulties, as well as children who are developing speech and language typically, are invited to participate. The study will consist of one to ten one-hour sessions at [Callier Dallas](#) or [Callier Richardson](#). Children will receive a toy, a free speech, language, and hearing evaluation, and parents will be paid \$20 for each session. Contact CCF faculty affiliate [Dr. Lisa Goffman](#) at 972-883-3052 or lisa.goffman@utdallas.edu for more information.



Word Learning:

Children ages 2 years and 4-5 years are invited to participate in a [research project on word learning](#). English-speaking children who have language difficulties, as well as children who are developing speech and language typically, are invited to participate. The study will consist of two-three 30 - 45 minute sessions at [Callier Dallas](#) or [Callier Richardson](#). Children will receive a toy, a free speech, language, and hearing evaluation, and parents will be paid \$10 for each session. Contact PhD student Sara Benham at 972-883-3052 or sara.benham@utdallas.edu for more information.

Spring 2019 Play With Me Programs

Registration is opening soon for the Spring 2019 Play With Me program playful-learning classes for children ages 0 - 3 together with their parents. The program serves 6 locations in Vickery Meadow, North Dallas, East Plano, Pleasant Grove, South Dallas, and Bachman Lake. [See the full schedule and registration dates on our website.](#)





Diapers, Wipes, and Gift Cards Needed for South Dallas Program

We are seeking donations of diapers, wipes, and gift cards for our Play With Me program in South Dallas. Donations can be dropped off at the [CCF office](#) or [ordered online here](#). Thank you!

From the Director

With the start of the Spring semester, we are looking forward to training more students and serving more families through our playful-learning and developmental screenings programs. We also have an exciting lineup of talks for our Spring lecture series featuring respected colleagues whose research has direct applications for parents and for professionals working with children and families. You'll not want to miss these! Special thanks to United Way of Metropolitan Dallas for its support and sponsorship of the series this spring. Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the many individuals who support our work and I am very pleased to recognize them in our new societies. Thank you, everyone.



[- Margaret T. Owen, PhD, Robinson Family Professor, Director, Center for Children and Families, Interim Dean, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences](#)

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