

Newsletter, February 2019

School Readiness Study Receives Additional Funding



Directed by CCF Director [Dr. Margaret Tresch Owen](#), the [Dallas Project on Education Pathways](#) has entered its third round of funding in determining how various factors combine to influence the development of school readiness and success of urban minorities. As one of the nation's first and longest longitudinal studies of childhood self-regulation development and its implications among African-American and Hispanic children, the study recently received a five-year competitive grant renewal of \$2.8 million from the National Institutes of Health in 2017 to study the students' transition into middle

school. [Dr. Margaret Caughy](#) of the University of Georgia co-leads the project, which has followed 407 low-income, African-American and Hispanic children since they were 2½ years old and examined the factors that contribute to disparities in their development of self-regulation skills, school readiness and trajectories of academic achievement in reading and math. [Read more...](#)

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

Lectures 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 here for a [parking pass](#) and [parking map](#) for our next lecture.



Date	Title	Speaker
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 Hearing Conservation Lab Seeks Study Participants



UT Dallas researchers at the [Callier Center for Communication Disorders](#) are looking for children who want to participate in an ear-measurement study. The study lasts 10-15 minutes, and participants receive a free hearing screening and \$10.00. Children must be between ages 4-7 years old, or 13-17 years old. Follow [this link](#) to sign up to participate.

Screening Fair Serves 14 Children

On Saturday, February 9th, CCF partnered with [Pamper Lake Highlands](#) to host our 9th screening fair, at Highland Oaks Church of Christ. 14 children between the ages of 0 - 5 received a developmental screening.



Save the Date for Comets Giving Day

The 3rd annual UT Dallas Giving Day will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**. On this day, we encourage all alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents, and friends of CCF to visit [this page](#) and make an online donation to support The Center for Children and Families at UT Dallas.





From the Director

CCF is approaching a critical juncture as we advance toward the mid-point of our 10-year anniversary celebrations. With the assistance of UT Dallas expertise, we will be undergoing strategic planning over the next few months to outline our vision and chart our course for the next several years. That, coupled with the installation of a new dean for the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, will give us a path to follow in our work to solve real-world challenges and bring science-based solutions to families and communities. It's an exciting time.

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