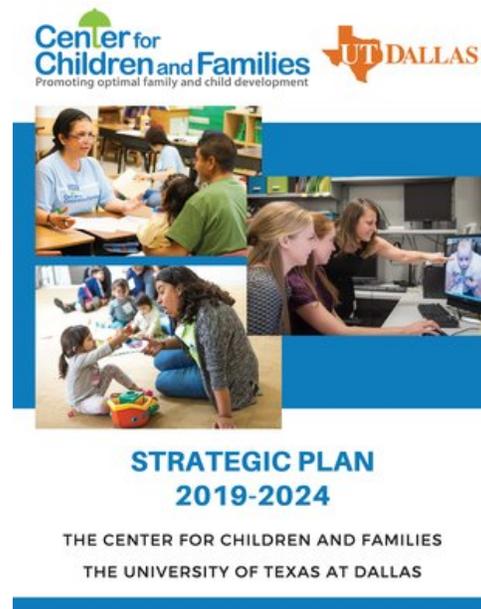


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CCF 2019-2024 Strategic Plan Unveiled

Throughout the summer, the Center for Children and Families underwent strategic planning to outline our mission, vision, values, and goals for the next 5 years. With input from CCF stakeholders including faculty affiliates, students, staff, Advisory Council members, and donors, [the new plan](#) brings together our vision for our Center's future. Our goals include:

1. Become a nationally recognized research center for child development known for its high quality scholarship, training and science-based service delivery.
2. Expand and diversify the funding portfolio for the Center for Children and Families.
3. Become sought after by top students who seek education in child and family development at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels.
4. Expand the system of outcome measurements for the Center's intervention programs and disseminate findings of impact.
5. Provide excellent services for children and families.



Join Us for Play with Me @ UTD!

CCF is offering a unique, one-time experience for parents and grandparents with children ages 1-3 to participate in our Play With Me program... at UTD! Join us during [UT Dallas' Homecoming weekend](#), **November 16th at 10am** for a Play With Me event! Featuring toys, music, movement, and the latest child development information and tips, the program will be a fun, educational, and interactive event for families. A \$25 registration fee will support the continued delivery of our outreach program for at-risk families.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

BBS Brain Matters: Family Food Fights



Join the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (BBS) for this free event at UTD, featuring CCF faculty affiliates Drs. Shayla Holub and Jackie Nelson. They will discuss healthy eating habits and family dynamics around mealtimes. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, October 29th, 5:00 - 6:30pm

[Davidson Auditorium \(JSOM 1.118\)](#), UT Dallas (800 W. Campbell Rd, Richardson TX 75080)

[Dr. Shayla Holub](#) - "Setting the Table: Parents' Role in Lessening Obesity Risk & Promoting Child Health"

[Dr. Jackie Nelson](#) - "Bringing Everyone to the Table: How Families Can Work Together to Promote Health & Harmony"

Registration ends TODAY at <https://www.utdallas.edu/development/brain-matters/>.

[CCF Research and Resource Fair](#)

Want to learn more about current child and family research at UT Dallas? Looking to gain research experience? Have questions for the developmental experts? Stop by to learn about research and resources that advance the healthy development of children in our community and nation.

Thursday, November 7th, 2 - 4pm

Visitor Center Atrium, UT Dallas,
800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson TX 75080



The event is free and open to the public! Parking is available in any lot or garage, GREEN spaces, with the [parking permit here](#). See [parking map here](#).

Last Chance to Register for Annual Forum

Registration for our [10th annual forum](#) on "A Communication Foundation: Building Blocks for Lifelong Literacy" closes TODAY (10/25). Reserve your space today and join us on November 1st to learn about how children learn language and the critical role that parents and other caregivers play in children's successful language learning.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

From the Director

We are looking forward to several events over the next few weeks: a Screening Fair for scheduled families this Saturday, our Annual Forum next week, the Research & Resource Fair the following week, and after that, the inaugural Play With Me @ UTD session. I'm thankful for the many students, staff, and faculty participating and assisting in pulling these off. These events all contribute toward our mission of advancing the healthy development of children in our community - through education, research, and direct service - and are important ways for us to become known. I hope to see you soon at one of these.



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

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