

Small Steps... Big Differences... Brighter Tomorrows

Second Annual
Prince George's County
Special Needs Conference

March 23, 2013 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn College Park
10000 Baltimore Avenue
College Park, Maryland
(next to IKEA)

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Moderators:

Abila Tazanu, M.D., Yulanda Swindell, and Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program staff

Who Should Attend:

Pediatricians, family practitioners, nurse practitioners, office managers, and office support personnel; child care providers; families and caregivers for children ages birth to five

Conference Benefits:

Admission is free and a continental breakfast and lunch are included. Network with other professionals and receive gifts and resource tools to enhance your practice.

Registration:

Name _____

- Pediatrician
- Other healthcare professional
 - Indicate your specialty: _____
- Healthcare office staff
- Child care provider
 - Indicate the age range of children served: _____
- Parent/caregiver
 - Do you have a child/children currently receiving services from the Infants the Toddlers Program or Child Find? ____ YES ____ NO

Home or Office Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____

Mail/fax the completed registration to:

The One World Center for Autism

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The **Small Steps... Big Differences.... Brighter Tomorrows Conference** is a forum that connects pediatricians with child care providers, community advocacy groups, and families to facilitate collaboration as they move toward their common goal of creating an environment where all children — including those with special needs — can thrive. The conference offers invaluable resources and information to assist in the identification and support of children with developmental delays. The **Small Steps... Big differences.... Brighter Tomorrows Conference** provides education about:

1. The American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines on Standardized Developmental and Autism Screening.
2. How to build parent-professional partnerships that lead to quality medical homes and child care settings.
3. The implementation of developmental and autism screening in primary care and child care settings.
4. How to work within and across communities to implement efficient processes for early detection and enrollment in early intervention programs.
5. The Prince George's County Special Needs Identification Physician Support program (PGCSNIPS).
6. The components and principles of early intervention in Maryland and the correct and most efficient manner to refer children with suspected special needs.
7. The community organizations and resources available to assist providers in building excellent medical homes in Maryland.
8. How to communicate across agency lines so that physicians, child care providers, early intervention programs, and other community partners work collaborative with parents to ensure optimal child outcomes.

Space is limited so register today!

Sponsors:

American Academy of Pediatrics
Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program
The One World Center for Autism
Maryland Developmental Screening Consortium
Community of Care – Maryland Consortium for Children with Special Healthcare Needs
Parents' Place of Maryland
Pathfinders for Autism
Prince George's County Health Department

Conference Schedule:

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Sharon Leyden, Program Chief, Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program
Abila Tazanu, M.D., Executive Director, The One World Center for Autism, Inc.

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Pamela B. Creekmur, Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

A Closer Look at the Special Needs Pediatric Community in Maryland

Josie Thomas, Executive Director, Parents' Place of Maryland

Meredith Pyle, Systems Development Chief, Maryland's Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs (OGCSHCN)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Keynote

Hand in Hand: Pediatricians, Parents, and Child Care Providers Solving Problems Together

Daniel Levy, M.D., District III Vice Chair of American Academy of Pediatrics

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Table Talk Group Discussion

Practical Strategies to Strengthen Partnerships among Physicians, Parents, and Child Care Providers

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch and networking

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Special Needs Testimonial: A Young Advocate's Personal Look at Our Impact as Providers

Adam Berman

Concurrent Sessions

For Healthcare Providers and office staff (choose one of two):

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Developmental Screening—The Critical First Step in Identifying Children with Special Needs: An Introduction

Abila Tazanu, M.D., Executive Director, The One World Center for Autism, Inc.

OR

Implementing Developmental Surveillance and Screening in Primary Care

Tracy King, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University

For Child Care Providers and Parents:

Developmental Milestones Need Check-ups Too

Edisa Padder, M.D., FAAP, Early Childhood Liaison, Maryland AAP

General Session

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Supporting the Smallest – Ensuring the Best Outcomes for Premature Patients

Brenda Hussey Gardner, Ph.D., Director, Maryland Premature Infant Developmental Enrichment Program

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Putting It All Together: Where Do We Go From Here?

Sharon Leyden, Program Chief, Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program

Abila Tazanu, M.D., Executive Director, The One World Center for Autism, Inc.

Presenter Bios:

Adam Berman

Adam Berman was born in September 1986 and diagnosed with autism/PDD at 18 months. His parents were told he was “profoundly retarded.” After years of intensive ABA therapy at a self-contained preschool, Adam learned to speak at the age of four. He was mainstreamed by the first grade and eventually graduated from high school with his peers. Adam attended the University of Maryland and participated in an honors program. Currently, he works as a paraprofessional, teaching middle school students with autism. In addition, he recently started graduate school at George Washington University, majoring in special education. Adam’s plans for the future include furthering his education and working as a professor and/or researcher.

Pamela Creekmur

Pamela Creekmur’s professional senior health care management career spans over 20 years in health care administration and business operations. As the medical center administrator for the Largo Medical Center, she was accountable for the overall management of a large multi-specialty medical center with more than 350 employees and physicians. During her tenure with Kaiser Permanente, she gained experience with process improvement, policy setting, budget control, program development, and leadership development. Before coming to the Prince George’s County Health Department as the interim Health Officer, she previously served as director of Surgical Services for the District of Columbia/Suburban Maryland region of Kaiser Permanente serving more than 280,000 members. Ms. Creekmur is a graduate of Howard University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Currently, she is a candidate for a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from the University of Maryland University College. She lives in Prince George’s County with her husband of 29 years and daughter.

Brenda Theresa Hussey-Gardner, Ph.D.

Brenda Theresa Hussey-Gardner, Ph.D., MPH, is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and an adjunct faculty of special education at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her clinical expertise is extensive and includes primarily developmental evaluation and early intervention for infants and toddlers. Her scope of clinical practice includes NICU multidisciplinary rounds, developmental evaluations, developmental intervention plans. She currently coordinates Maryland’s NICU Follow-Up program and directs the Maryland’s PRIDE NICU program. Her innovative techniques for the management of premature infants include the development of the Best Beginnings Developmental Screen, family questionnaires, and parent handouts that are used at the University of Maryland’s NICU, NICU Follow-Up Clinic, Maryland’s PRIDE, and a variety of other programs.

Tracy King, M.D., Ph.D.

Tracy King, M.D., is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University. She conducts research that focuses on enhancing the role of pediatric primary care in improving early developmental and school readiness outcomes for disadvantaged urban children. Her current projects aim to improve identification and referral of young children with developmental delays through implementation of high quality developmental screening and the establishment of closer relationships between primary care providers and community-based early childhood programs.

Daniel Levy, M.D.

Daniel Levy, M.D., has been in pediatric practice in Owings Mills for 34 years. He is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins; clinical assistant; professor at the University of Maryland; and a past president of the Maryland Chapter, AAP. He currently serves as the District III vice chair of the AAP and a national spokesperson for the AAP.

Edisa Padder, M.D.

Dr. Edisa Tokovic Padder, M.D., serves as a child care/early education liaison for the Maryland chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics. She is also a member of Maryland State Department of Education’s Advisory Council for the Office of Child Care. Her interests include childhood obesity, developmental screening and promoting early literacy. Dr. Padder finished her undergraduate studies in Biochemistry at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She completed medical school at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. She moved to Washington, D.C. to complete her pediatric training at Children’s National Medical Center. Dr. Padder has established her community-based private practice in Howard County. She lives with her husband and three children in Ellicott City, MD.

Meredith J. Pyle

Meredith J. Pyle is the systems development chief in Maryland’s Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs (OGCSHCN). Her current responsibilities include a variety of strategic planning, supervisory, analytic, administrative, and coordinative tasks in support of statewide public health systems and policy development to support the health and well-being of children and youth with special health care needs. She is a project manager for a two-year grant to develop a statewide plan to improve the system of health care and related services for children with autism and other developmental disabilities. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in

public policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Abila Tazanu, M.D.

Abila Tazanu, M.D., is the co-founder and executive director of the One World Center for Autism, Inc. She is a general pediatrician and clinical associate at Children's National Medical Center, in Washington, D.C. and provides school-based health care for children with special needs. She is the mother of five children, two of whom have autism. Her personal struggle to diagnose and care for her own children created the vision for the One World Center for Autism, Inc. and continues to fuel her passion to help individuals living with autism and related special needs. Her vision is to create a standard of centralized care for all individuals on the spectrum that incorporates family support, community awareness, and comprehensive medical and therapeutic interventions.

Josie Thomas

Josie Thomas is the executive director and co-founder of The Parent's Place of Maryland, which is the Parent Training and Information Center and Family-to-Family Health Information Center for the state of Maryland. She is the parent of an adult with special needs and a passionate advocate for all families living with special needs in the state of Maryland.

Yulanda Swindell, M.D.

Yulanda Swindell, M.D., is vice president of the board of directors for the One World Center for Autism. She is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Swindell is a board certified pediatrician who serves as the primary care provider for youngsters and adolescents in a group home in Baltimore County, many of whom have cognitive, emotional, psychiatric, and developmental diagnoses. She also provides care for underserved children in southern Maryland through Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc. She currently resides in University Park, Maryland and singly parents a twelve-year-old son with autism and his younger sibling. She advocates tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all affected by autism.