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Workshop 103: Using Social Determinants of Health to Improve Outcomes for Families in Poverty

Thursday, February 6, 2020

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Health is about more than health care. Poverty is not just about money. Social and economic factors, such as physical environment and behaviors, account for up to 80 percent of the factors that influence our overall health. Access to quality clinical care is the remaining 20 percent. While still critically important, quality health care is not the only lever for changing health outcomes.

States and not-for-profit organizations are developing networks that connect individuals with resources to address poverty, and social, economic and environmental barriers to their health—such as housing, food insecurity, and transportation. By putting funding and policy efforts into addressing social determinants of health, these states and organizations hope to improve health outcomes for children and families across the state. Child support services play an important role in addressing poverty and can be a key player in building these networks to address the social determinants of health. In this workshop we will hear from state officials from North Carolina, and from representatives of organizations that are creating holistic programs to address these social determinants of health that are critical to the well-being of the families we serve.

Speakers: Laurey Carpenter, Erika Ferguson, Stephanie McGuire, Lori Phingst

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