



New York State Early Child Advisory Council Membership Meeting Presenter's Bios

Laurie Miller Brotman, PhD: Dr. Brotman is the Prevention Science Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Population Health at NYU Langone Medical Center and Director of the Institute for Prevention Science at the NYU Child Study Center. For twenty years, Dr. Brotman has been developing and evaluating programs for low-income preschoolers and their families. She is the principal investigator on grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Institute of Education Sciences of the US Department of Education. Dr. Brotman has served on the board of directors of the Society for Prevention Research and in 2009 she was honored with the Society's Community, Culture and Prevention Science Award. Dr. Brotman is the developer of ParentCorps, a culturally-informed, family-centered, school-based intervention for low-income preschoolers and their families. ParentCorps is included in the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP).

Lauri Brugger, M.S. (Children's Institute-University of Rochester): Lauri Brugger is currently Director of Community Partnerships at Children's Institute. During her 14 years at Children's Institute, Lauri has managed and directed large-scale community-wide collaborations and assessment systems serving young children and youth. Her experience includes working with providers, parents and policymakers in the context of local, state, and federally funded grants and initiatives. Prior to working at Children's Institute, Lauri has fifteen years of experience in large health system-affiliated early childhood development programs, as an administrator, teacher, and caregiver. Lauri holds B.S. degrees from University of Rochester in Psychology and Political Science and an M.S. in Elementary Education, NYS certification (N-6), with specialization in early childhood, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York.

Mary Anne Peabody, Ed.D., LCSW, RPT-S (National Services at Children's Institute, Inc. and University of Rochester): Mary Anne Peabody is the Deputy Director of National Services at Children's Institute, Inc. and a Clinical Associate at the University of Rochester. She directs Primary Project, a Pre-K-3 evidence based, play intervention which is implemented in early childhood centers and early childhood classrooms across the country. She is one of the lead trainers for Children's Institute's Training Institute for Preventive Services (TIPS) providing training and supervision to preschools, Head Start and elementary school staff. She is a licensed clinical social worker, a certified K-12 guidance counselor, a registered play therapy supervisor and the past President of the National Association for play therapy, a multi-disciplinary professional society of mental health practitioners. Valuing multi-disciplinary work, she has experience in children's hospitals, schools, private practice and teaching at the University level. Her areas of research interest include play based interventions and clinical supervision.