

Enhancing Ohio's Five Steps for Success Biographical Sketches

John C. Duby, M.D., FAAP is the Medical Director for the Autism Diagnosis Education Pilot Project. Dr Duby is a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Medicine and completed his residency in Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. His Fellowship in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics was completed at Boston University School of Medicine under Barry Zuckerman, M.D. Dr. Duby is the Director of the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and Co-Director of the NeuroDevelopmental Center at Akron Children's Hospital. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in Pediatrics and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. He is Chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on the Future of Pediatrics 2020.

Dr. Duby is also the Medical Director at the Family Child Learning Center, a joint program of Akron Children's Hospital and Kent State University. Dr. Duby is also a Past President of the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. During his tenure as President of the Chapter, he established enduring relationships with numerous coalitions that advocate for the needs of children and with the Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Mental Health, and Education. Dr. Duby served on the ODMH Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services Action Task Force and on the Ohio School Board's School Readiness Solutions Group. In the past he has served on committees of the Ohio Department of Health's Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps and Bureau of Early Intervention services.

Dr. Duby has been a member of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Children with Disabilities since 2002, and is also a member of the AAP Chapter Forum Management Committee and the AAP Provisional Committee on Development. He is a board member for Voice's for Ohio's Children and the Autism Family Foundation of Northeast Ohio.

Melissa Wervev Arnold, BS, is the agency head, program administrator and fiscal contact. Ms. Arnold is a graduate of the Ohio University Scripps College of communication. She has over ten years experience in the association, event planning and development field. In her current role as the Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, she provides executive, administrative and communicative support to the Chapter and its membership, as well as serves as Executive Director of Ohio AAP Foundation. Prior to her current position, she served as Assistant Executive Director and Director of Development for New Directions Career Center, a non-profit organization committed to helping women get back into the workforce. In addition, she was recently recognized as one of the Forty Under 40 honorees from Business First in Columbus for her outstanding professional accomplishments, awards in her professional field, and commitment to community service. She has also received numerous awards from the association management community.

Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Ph.D., whose doctorate in Developmental Psychology is from the Ohio State University, is the Project Specialist for the Autism Diagnosis Education Pilot Project. Dr. Espe-Sherwindt is the Director of the Family Child Learning Center. As mentioned above, the Family Child Learning Center is a joint program of Akron Children's Hospital and Kent State University. The Family Child Learning Center is a research and training program dedicated to developing, evaluating, and disseminating innovative services for young children with developmental disabilities, including autism.

Under Dr. Espe-Sherwindt's leadership, the Family Child Learning Center has developed a model preschool program for children with autism. In addition, she has led the development of a relationship with Summit County Help Me Grow in which all developmental assessments in the county are done by a team from the Family Child Learning Center. Dr. Espe-Sherwindt has developed a series of three Statewide Help Me Grow Workshops to assist the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention Services in the training and personnel development of early intervention providers in Ohio. She is an expert in adult learning principles, needs assessment, and curriculum development. She is a frequent lecturer on early intervention internationally, particularly in Portugal.

In addition, under her guidance the Family Child Learning Center coordinates the activities of the award-winning Family Information Network of Ohio in all 88 counties. FIN of Ohio is designed to keep family perspectives at the forefront of Ohio's Help Me Grow system by offering support through information and education to families of young children and the professionals who serve them. FIN of Ohio activities include the FINfacts Newsletter.

Ann Salvator, M.S., who obtained her master's degree at Case Western Reserve University, is ADEPP's statistician and epidemiologist. Ms. Salvator has had extensive experience in pediatric research at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland and now as the Research Coordinator in the NeuroDevelopmental Center at Akron Children's Hospital. Prior to joining the NeuroDevelopmental Center, she was the Research Coordinator for the Department of Surgery at Akron General Medical Center.

Dan Farkas, Program Director, oversees the day-to-day functions of the Autism Education Pilot program. Mr. Farkas is a graduate of the Ohio University Scripps College of Communication. Prior to joining the staff at the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics in February 2008, he spent 10 years as a television journalist in Cadillac, Michigan and Knoxville, Tennessee. His responsibilities include, but are not limited to: focus group planning, coordination of materials, working with other staff to develop trainings, media relations, public relations, coordination of program and dissemination of program.

Carole Lannon, M.D., MPH is Co-Director of the Autism and Developmental Screening Learning Collaborative, which is one of the ADEPP Five Steps for Success. Dr. Lannon will continue in this role as **Enhancing Ohio's Five Steps for Success** enhances and replicates the Learning Collaborative that has been designed and will be

piloted in ADEPP's five target communities beginning in September and October 2008. Dr. Lannon is the Co-Director of the Center for Health Care Quality at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She was a founding partner in the National Initiative for Health Care Quality. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. Dr. Lannon is a nationally recognized leader in improving systems of care in pediatric health. She and her team from the Center for Health Care Quality will assist other project staff in assuring that rigorous quality improvement processes are implemented and evaluated successfully.