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## Thanks for Joining Us! - Nurturing Developing Minds Conference & Small Talks Events

ICS was pleased to partner with the Children's Hospital and The Bradshaw Institute of the Greenville Health System on the 2018 Nurturing Developing Minds Conference and Research Symposium.

We began the convening with an afternoon of pre-session conference events, Building Resilience in the Face of ACEs and Opioids. ICS hosted a screening of the award-winning documentary *Resilience*, which explores our growing knowledge on the impact of toxic stress and how society can respond to prevent and help children overcome these impacts. ICS Senior Fellow Janice Gruendel led an interactive discussion following the film to encourage attendees to consider how their programs help build resilience and embrace trauma-informed care. Nearly 100 attendees joined us for the expert panel *The Opioid Epidemic, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Implications for Healthcare and Education*, a far-ranging discussion on the intersection of education, medical, law enforcement, and child welfare for families and communities facing the impact of opioids. We appreciate the participation of our stellar panelists, Dr. Andrew Garner of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine; Michelle Greco of the Child Abuse Prevention Program of Bradshaw Institute for Community Child Health & Advocacy; Captain Ryan Butler, North Division Commander, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department; and our moderator

Marion Broome, Dean of the School of Nursing at Duke University and ICS Board Member.

ICS also moderated two research tracks for breakout sessions during Nurturing Developing Minds, focused on *Early Childhood Education and Learning, In and Out of the Classroom* and *Promoting Optimal Health and Development*, including a session on Medical-Legal Partnerships co-presented by our Associate Director of Policy Research Keller Anne Ruble and another on fostering equity on early childhood offered by our Director of Innovation and Inclusion Mary C. Garvey. Finally, ICS Senior Fellow Janice Gruendel conducted the last plenary session of the day, sending the 200 attendees out the door with a rousing call to action on behalf of families and children.

Slides from all presentations at the event are available online.

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## New Resources from ICS

Opportunities for Special Education and Early Intervention in Pay for Success  
As familiarity with Pay for Success models has grown in the U.S., there is significant interest in using this model to support chronically underfunded investments in early childhood education, welfare, and health. Special education is another area where early investments in what works can help prevent larger costs of remedial services in the future, improving outcomes for children and their families. In a [new paper](#) and accompanying [blog](#), ICS Director of Policy Research Megan Carolan and Vice President Bryan Boroughs explore the goals of current PFS projects in their consideration of special education outcomes and also push the conversation to the next level: how can PFS be used to expand and improve services for young children with disabilities?

### Who Says Elephants Can't Dance?

ICS Senior Fellow Janice Gruendel was prominently featured in the December 2017 issue of *Policy and Practice* from the American Public Human Services Association. Her piece, "Who Says Elephants Can't Dance? Linking the Human Services and Third-Grade Reading for Transformative Change," includes lessons learned from ICS's recent work with the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation and BEST-NC on What Works for Third Grade Reading [indicator briefs](#). The full article is republished [here](#) on our website with express permission of APHSA.

### New Federal Budget Package Has Big Wins For Kids

In a recent blog, ICS Vice President Bryan Boroughs summarized a few key provisions of the recently passed federal budget that have impacts for kids and for evidence-based policymaking, including a renewal of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act (SIPPRA), and the Family First Act. Read the full update [here](#).

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# Upcoming Events

Webinar: The Earned Income Tax Credit and South Carolina Families

In light of tax season and South Carolina's [recent passage](#) of a state Earned Income Tax Credit, learn more about the EITC, its powerful impact for children and families in South Carolina, and good practices service providers and policymakers can employ to support families across the state as they file! [Register here](#) for the webinar on April 4 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET. The webinar will feature experts from ICS as well as Craig Shoemaker, Regional VITA Program Manager for the [United Way of Greenville County](#).

**Pay for Success Convening of Early Childhood Advisors in Charlotte**  
We are pleased to announce that ICS will be hosting our Pay for Success Convening of Early Childhood Advisors June 19-20, 2018 in Charlotte, North Carolina! Join us for two days of conversation, networking, and learning around outcome-based financing. Learn more and [register here](#).

*Resilience* Screening: Rock Hill, South Carolina

Calling all Charlotte-area readers! ICS is proud to co-host a screening of the award-winning documentary *Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope* at the new Rock Hill School Central Office! ICS Senior Fellow Janice Gruendel will provide an interactive session building from the film; the event will also feature a discussion panel of local experts and practitioners. The event will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM 10:30 AM. More information and registration are available [here](#).

2018 Annual Celebration Luncheon: *Resilience: A Key to Success*

Join us on at the Poinsett Club to celebrate another year of progress for the children of South Carolina and beyond! We are pleased to announce that Connecticut Commissioner of the Department of Social Services Roderick Bremby will join as our keynote speaker! The event will be held on May 8, 2018 from 12:15pm-2:00pm. Please RSVP [here](#).

Check out our full calendar of upcoming events!

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## Inspiration from ICS Leaders

ICS is delighted to announce [Dr. Dolores \("Dee"\) Stegelin](#) as our newest Fellow. Dr. Stegelin is Professor Emerita of early childhood education in the College of Education at Clemson University where she has provided program development and leadership for 17 years and is an active member of the ICS Research Committee.

We are proud to announce that ICS Senior Fellow [Janice Gruendel](#) has recently been named Research Professor at the [University of North Carolina-Charlotte College of Health and Human Services](#).

"If there is a problem, let's fix it. Don't come to me complaining. Start a commission. Join the task force." These are the words Darnell McPherson says motivate her - as an ICS Board Member, Executive Director of Darlington County First Steps, and newly elected mayor of Lamar, South Carolina! In a recent interview

with the BUILD Initiative, Darnell attributes her impact in the field to the pioneering example of her mother, Doris Byrd, and her participation in BUILD's Equity Leaders Action Network. Read the full piece [here](#).

"Far and away, the best prize in life is the chance to work hard at work worth doing," says Ted Hendry, ICS Board Member and recently retired head of the United Way of Greenville County, channeling inspiration from Teddy Roosevelt. Ted was recently honored with the Spirit Award for Nonprofit Leadership at the United Way Annual Celebration. You can watch the full video honoring Ted and his impact in Greenville [here](#).

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