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Early Childhood Research Symposium Registration Open, Presentations Announced

Registration is now open for the second annual South Carolina Early Childhood Research Symposium will be held October 17 at the Children's Hospital of Palmetto Health. Hosted by ICS with support from the Children's Hospitals of Greenville Health System and Palmetto Health, this year's event will feature Dr. Peter Gorski of the Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County. This plenary session will feature a time for Q&A following the address "Community Pediatrics: Navigating the Intersection of Medicine, Public Health and the Social Determinants of Children's Health"

There will be nine presentations across three tracks: Systems and Policy, Health and Development, and Education and Care. A panel will address the topic "Linking Health, Education, Policy and the Community" and there will be poster presentations. To learn more about the Symposium, including abstracts for presentations, visit [the symposium's page on our website](#). To register, [click here](#).

The Institute for Child Success is Very Pleased to Announce the Kids Drive Our Future Innovation Award: a New Initiative to Catalyze Innovation in the Early Childhood Sector

The Kids Drive Our Future Innovation Award seeks to accelerate innovation in early childhood health and education by providing a cash award(s) to early childhood programs and service providers seeking to implement innovative and entrepreneurial approaches to transforming early childhood systems.

The award will be presented to entrepreneurs and leaders who:

- Pursue opportunities to produce significant, measurable outcomes for young children, pre-natal to age 5;
- Are developing or have developed innovations that are scalable (able to expand

- reach over time), with the potential to impact thousands, hundreds of thousands, or millions of young children and their families;
- Are developing or have developed innovations that are sustainable (self-perpetuating and lasting), so that impact will intensify with time. Sustainability should be demonstrated through a sound revenue model and/or clear and credible funding plans;
- Are passionate entrepreneur(s) and leaders who have a vision to accelerate impact for young children.

Nominations and applications can be submitted at kidsdriveourfuture.com and opened September 1st and will close at 5 pm on October 17th. The award winner(s) will be notified by December 1st. More information at www.kidsdriveourfuture.com.

We are very grateful to John I. Smith Charities for their support of this initiative.

ICS Hosts Implementation Science Webinar

On August 13, ICS was joined by Melissa Van Dyke of the National Implementation Research Network at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for a webinar on implementation science. The presentation included a ton of information about the current state of implementation science, its implications for early childhood stakeholders, and best practices when looking to effectively scale innovative innovations. ICS thanks Melissa for a fantastic presentation. For more information, please contact [Katy Sides](#).

ICS Hosts Congressional Briefing on Pay for Success and Early Childhood

On August 14, the Institute for Child Success convened a briefing for congressional staff on Pay for Success, how it can be used to scale successful early childhood programs, and pending legislation in the field. The briefing was convened in partnership with Representatives Young's and Delaney's offices, and both Harvard's SIB Lab and Third Sector Capital Partners joined us to add their invaluable perspectives. About 40 staffers in attendance represented a balanced mix of offices representing both Republicans and Democrats, from both the House and the Senate, as well as some non-congressional groups and agencies. More information about the event is available [on our blog](#).

ICS at the Inter-American Development Bank

ICS Senior Fellow Megan Golden was invited to lecture at the Inter-American Development Bank's Policy Dialogues on Protection and Health in Lima, Peru on September 14th. She will be part of a panel on innovative management to improve efficiency and access to services. Other speakers will be senior officials from the Chile Ministry of Health, Peru's Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. The audience will include government officials from Latin America and the Caribbean.

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