

Welcome and Introductions

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Lecture

Mark K. Shriver

Senior Vice President, Save the Children's U.S. Programs

Panel Discussion

Dr. Ginny Sprang - Panel Moderator

Buckhorn Endowed Professor of Child Welfare
and Children's Mental Health
Executive Director, Center on Trauma and Children

Dreama Gentry, J.D. - Panelist

Executive Director of Externally Sponsored Programs
Berea College

Dr. Vestena Robbins - Panelist

Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health,
Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

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Terry S. Tolan - Panelist

Executive Director
Governor Beshear's Office of Early Childhood

Biographies

Mark K. Shriver leads Save the Children's U.S. Programs, which works to ensure a fair start for all children in the United States, including the nearly one in four living in poverty. Shriver's career fighting for social justice in advocacy and service organizations, as well as elected office, has focused on advancing the right of every child in America to have a safe and vibrant childhood.

Shriver created Save the Children's domestic emergency response programs in 2005 to ensure that children are protected when disaster strikes and are provided safe haven and reunion with their families during a disaster's aftermath. He was the chief spokesperson for the organization's 2009, 2010, and 2011 national report card, which revealed a severe lack of preparedness to protect kids during disasters. He led a national coalition that convinced Congress to create the national Commission on Children and Disasters. Shriver was appointed to the Commission by Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and elected chairperson by his fellow commissioners. He served in that role for the life of the Commission.

Dreama Gentry leads Berea College's educational outreach into rural Appalachian Kentucky. With an annual budget of \$20 million dollars and a staff of one hundred and forty, Gentry provides leadership to federally and privately funded outreach programs that improve educational outcomes of rural Appalachian youth.

Realizing that positive educational outcomes for youth relates to both what happens inside and outside the school, Gentry collaborates with communities to design programs that meet the needs of rural youth, parents and schools. Since 1999, Gentry has designed and implemented programs that connect Berea College with 19 rural school districts serving more than 13,000 rural Kentucky youth.

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Dr. Vestena Robbins is a contract employee with the Outcome Transformation and Education Branch within the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities where she serves as lead staff for system transformation efforts, including evidence-based and best practices planning, implementation, and scaling-up efforts for the state. She has worked in the children's mental health services field as a system of care services researcher, program evaluator, and program administrator for over 20 years.

Currently, she is Co-Principal Investigator and Evaluation Director for Kentucky's CMHS-funded system of care cooperative agreement, a statewide initiative aimed at improving the service delivery system for young children (birth to 5) who have serious social, emotional, or behavioral challenges.

Terry Tolan was appointed by Governor Beshear as Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood and the Early Childhood Advisory Council in July of 2011. Over the years, she has worked with numerous child advocates and state agencies to improve the lives of children. She was first appointed to the Early Childhood Development Authority (ECDA) by Gov. Paul Patton in 2000 after serving as chair for the Prenatal Work Group of the Task Force on Early Childhood in 1999. She was reappointed to the ECDA by Gov. Ernie Fletcher and again by Gov. Beshear in 2008. Terry Served on the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education established by Gov. Beshear in 2009 to study the Commonwealth's system of early childhood services.

Previously, Terry served as President of United Way of Kentucky for 15 years. Her career in the United Way system spans almost 25 years and includes 3 local United Ways, as well as the Kentucky State Association.