MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been an active and productive summer at the Institute! Activities have included attending conferences, finalizing research projects, and preparing our annual report which was submitted on October 1st to our Governor. Our final report will be posted soon.

The Institute has released a new podcast series for child welfare professionals: **Child Protection Caseworker Support**. Each episode focuses on empowering and supporting our frontline professionals. Stay tuned as new episodes will continue to be released over the next couple of months.

In addition, it is our goal as an Institute to be a resource (research, training, technical assistance) for agencies as they work on the implementation of the Family First Prevention Act. There will be additional information soon about how we can support your agency and we encourage you to reach out if we can partner with you!

**Legislative committee weeks have already begun as our lawmakers prepare for session in January. I am looking forward to convening a Legislative Workgroup, comprised of Institute affiliates, who will remain engaged and contribute to our mission of providing evidence-informed recommendations to Florida's policy makers.**

We will do our best to keep you updated on policy discussions that impact our child welfare community.

SAVE THE DATE

**ENHANCING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CHILD WELFARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEMS**

A webinar hosted by Florida Institute for Child Welfare and the Office of Early Learning

October 21, 2019  10:00 AM ET

REGISTER HERE

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**LISA MAGRUDER, PH.D., MSW**

Dr. Lisa Magruder is a jointly appointed Postdoctoral Scholar with the Florida Institute for Child Welfare and the Florida State University College of Social Work. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications on the topics of child welfare, intimate partner violence, and victimization of LGBTQ-identified individuals. Her recent research focuses on systemic approaches to addressing victimization, particularly in the contexts of child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, and the intersection of the two.

Dr. Magruder joined the Institute in July 2018 to conduct an evaluation of Florida’s Early Childhood Court program with affiliate Dr. Jennifer Marshall. Though the evaluation concluded in June 2019, she continues to work with our community partner, the Office of Court Improvement, to present findings and seek funding for further exploration of this promising intervention. In addition, Dr. Magruder has collaborated with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) since 2017 to improve their screenings of suspected trafficked youth. Most recently, she was a co-investigator on psychometric testing of DCF’s Human Trafficking Screening Tool with affiliate Dr. Michael Killian and doctoral candidate MaKenna Woods. She recently partnered with Dr. Pryce on the submission of an internal grant application to support the next steps in validation efforts.

Dr. Magruder is currently focused on Institute development activities, including supervising graduate students; enhancing the affiliate network; increasing Institute visibility through community outreach, training, and publications; and seeking external funding. With the College of Social Work, Dr. Magruder has managed the Florida Study of Professionals for Safe Families for affiliate Dr. Dina Wilke since October 2015. Alongside affiliates Drs. Melissa Radey and Lisa Schelbe, she is also currently conducting a qualitative exploration of child welfare workers’ experiences of client-perpetrated violence.

**CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORKER SUPPORT**

A Podcast by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare

**IMPROVE COLLABORATION WITH AGENCIES FOR CASES INVOLVING CHILD MALTREATMENT AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)**

**Episode 5**

Guests
Lisa Magruder, Ph.D.
and Sara LaTorre

Release Date
October 21, 2019

Listen to a victim advocate and researcher discuss the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and intimate partner violence and provide concrete recommendations on ways you can improve your collaborations with other community professionals on cases that involve both.
WHAT'S NEW?

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- **National Healing Neen Trauma Informed Care Conference**
  - November 6-8
  - ChampionsGate, FL

- **7th Annual Safe & Together Model Conference: Domestic Violence & Children**
  - November 13-15
  - Denver, CO

- **2019 International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement**
  - November 19-22
  - San Diego, CA

- **National Council on Family Relations**
  - November 20-23
  - Fort Worth, TX

- **2019 Parent and Family Engagement Conference**
  - December 9-12
  - Anaheim, CA

- **Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference**
  - January 15-18
  - Washington, DC

- **35th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment**
  - January 25-31
  - San Diego, CA

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- **American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences**
  - Deadline: November 20, 2019

- **Mental Health America**
  - 2020 Annual Conference: From Resiliency to Recovery
  - Deadline: November 29, 2019

- **The Network for Social Work Management Conference**
  - Deadline: January 22, 2020

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence is a serious violent crime that includes both physical and emotional abuse. It is frequently hidden from public view. Many victims suffer in silence, afraid to seek help or not knowing where to turn. The traumatic effects of domestic violence also extend beyond the abused person, impacting family members and communities.

Children often witness the violence or become victims themselves. According to the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV), an estimated 3.3 to 10 million children witness the abuse of a parent or adult caregiver each year. A majority of the studies conducted on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment reveal that there are 30 to 60 percent of families experiencing domestic violence. In an effort to protect adult and child victims, the Florida Department of Children & Families and FCADV have partnered with David Mandel & Associates to provide training and technical assistance to child welfare professionals and domestic violence advocates throughout the state in the use of the Safe and Together Model.

Across Florida, and throughout the country, activities and events are planned to promote awareness, mourn those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and recognize and honor those who work to end violence. Contact your local domestic violence center to participate in these events in your community!

To learn more about activities taking place this month and how you can participate:

- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women
- Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Infographic on Domestic Violence and Child Welfare. See the affiliates who work to address this systemic problem.

Purple Thursday
October 24, 2019

Wear Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Day, also known as Purple Thursday, to honor victims and support survivors of domestic violence. Purple symbolizes survival, courage, and peace.