



**2009 Early Childhood Health Education Lead Poisoning**  
**Legislative Informational Forum: *Bridging the Health and Education***  
***GAP: Identification / Intervention and Successful Outcomes***

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator Toni Harp, Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate &**  
**Representative Andrew Fleischmann, Chair of the Education Committee**

**Connecticut Legislative Office Building**

**When:** November 19, 2009

**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Location:** LOB - Room 2C - 300 Capitol Avenue / Hartford, CT

**FORUM AGENDA (DRAFT)**

**Welcome and Remarks:** Senator Toni Harp and Representative Andrew Fleishmann, Senator Edward Meyers, Representative Denise Merrill, et.al.

**Master of Ceremonies:** Leo Canty, *CT Health Foundation – Chairman of the Board and American Federation of Teachers - Second Vice President - CT*



**Keynote Presenter:** Dr. Kim Dietrich is a nationally renowned researcher and expert on Childhood Lead Poisoning. Dr. Dietrich is a professor of Environmental Health and Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Department of Environmental Health. He has also served as Associate Director of the Cincinnati Children's Center for Environmental Health.



Dr. Jeanne Zehr is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for East Allen County Schools in New Haven, Indiana. Dr. Zehr will provide an overview of an Innovative Preschool Intervention Program for Lead Poisoned Children. This program also utilizes a Cognitive Enrichment Program that has more than 30 years of research behind it. (i.e., Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment - Basic Version for Preschool Age Children)



Dr. Eric Cooper is the President of the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education (NUA). He served in a similar position as Executive Director for the NUA at Columbia University's Teachers College and as Adjunct Associate Professor for 7 years. He has also served as the Vice President for In-service Training & Telecommunications for the Simon & Schuster Education Group and Associate Director of Program Development for the College Board. Dr. Cooper is the first educator to receive the distinguished Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. International Award by Israel, the Israeli Consulate of New York City, the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.



Dr. Janice Gruendel is Co-Chair, Governor's Early Childhood Education Cabinet, Senior Policy Advisor for Children and Youth to the Office of Governor M. Jodi Rell, Member of the Governor's P-20 Council and member of the Governor's Early Childhood Research and Policy Council. 2005 to 2009. She will provide a presentation on the EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE: "Ready at 5 fine at 9"

# A Panel of Experts

*Bridging the Medical & Education GAP: Identification / Intervention / Successful Outcomes*

- **U.S. Department of Education – Office of Special Education**  
**Presenter:** Glenda Foster-Hill, *Education Program Specialist*
- **State Department of Education (SDE) Compliance and Intervention Models**  
**Early Childhood: IDEA - EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTCOMES (ECO) and Scientific Research-Based Intervention (SRBI)**  
**Presenters:** Maria Synodi and Michelle Levy, SDE Consultants
- **Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation – Recognition and Response**  
**Presenter:** Stewart Hudson, *President of the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation*  
**Recognition and Response: An Early Intervening System for Preschool**
- **UPDATE: on Connecticut Interagency Health Education Lead Poisoning Initiatives:**
  - 1) **Duke University Study on the Relationship between Early Childhood Lead Exposure and End of Grade Achievement Tests.** (SDE and DPH)
  - 2) a) **Health Education Lead Poisoning (H.E.L.P.) On-Line CEU Course**  
b) **Curriculum for Educators - University of Connecticut - Lead Poisoning: Limiting the Ability to Learn -**
  - 3) **New Britain, New Haven and Hartford H.E.L.P. Initiatives**
  - 4) **Department of Public Health / Birth to 3 and Department of Children and Families**  
**How to Develop a Multiple Agency Successful Coordinated Seamless Process:**  
**Linking Medical Blood Lead Screening Results with Identification and Intervention Services for Lead Exposed Children**  
**Presenters:** Rhonda Pales & Krista Veneziano: Department of Health  
Dr. Janet Williams, Medical Director - Department of Children and Families  
Eileen McMurrer: Department of Developmental Disabilities – Birth to 3 System
- **I.D.E.A. and Parent Perspectives: Screening Tools / Clinical Assessments**  
Identifying children from birth through adolescence: Leads impact on cognition, communication, social-emotional development, physical development, and adaptive behavior.  
Leann Howell, President of American Lead Poisoning HELP Association (ALPHA)

**Objectives:** Participants will be able to discuss / reference / summarize and make recommendations on:

- Current research on the relationship between early childhood lead exposure and academic performance
- Educational impact of lead poisoning and the effects on student learning behavior
- Effective assessments and cognitive interventions for children impacted by lead poisoning
- The development of guidelines for bridging the gap between elevated blood lead levels and appropriate early childhood intervention services for lead poisoned children

**Audience:** Policy Makers, Educators, Health Professionals, Parents and Childcare / Social Service Providers

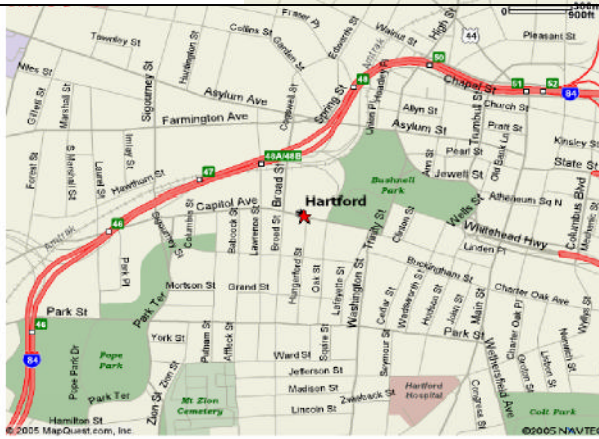
**REGISTER FOR FORUM:** Due to Limited Space, please RSVP to [vac2007@columbia.edu](mailto:vac2007@columbia.edu) by November 5<sup>th</sup>

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**Parking.** Public parking is available at the LOB parking garage. Follow the posted visitor signs.

### Registration Form (pre-registration is requested due to limited space )

Pre registration by November 5<sup>th</sup> is requested

Name / Title \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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- SDE employee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Service Provider \_\_\_\_\_
- Health professional (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Elected official (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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