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**The Louisiana Chapter wants to wish a very **Happy Father's Day** to all the fathers and grandfathers that are part of the LA AAP family!**

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#### **2013 Louisiana Legislative Session Report**

The 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature convened on Monday, April 8, 2013 and adjourned on Thursday, June 6, 2013. Because this was an odd numbered year, the session was a fiscal only session meaning legislators were limited to 5 non-fiscal bills.

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics kept its members and other interested individuals up to date on what was happening with the key legislative instruments that were being tracked and sent out numerous alerts and call to action requests throughout the session. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to make phone calls and/ or send emails. YOUR VOICE MATTERS and impacts what happens at the state level. We appreciate every one of you.

There were 729 House bills filed, 227 House Resolutions filed and 188 House Concurrent Resolutions filed. There were 262 Senate bills filed, 207 Senate Resolutions and 131 Senate Concurrent Resolutions filed.

The process is not over for many key legislative instruments. If the bill has made it through both chambers, it heads to the Governor's desk for signature into law, veto, or no action allowing the piece of legislation to become law without signature.

Links to keep up with status of bills:

**Act Numbers to Bills Passed** <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/ActNumbers.aspx?sid=last>

**Bill Numbers to Acts** <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/BillsToActs.aspx?sid=last>

**Vetoed Bills** <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/VetoBills.aspx?sid=last>

**Constitutional Amendments & Joint Resolutions** <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/ConstAmendments.aspx?sid=last>

The LA AAP Chapter has kept its members informed about what was happening at the Capitol throughout the Legislative Session through its newsletter, *Progress Notes*, and on its website. To download the full Legislative Report from the LA AAP with all the committee action summaries by week, a full report on the status of bills and helpful links, click here.

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## LA Medicaid

### *Staff Announcement*

Last week the Louisiana Senate confirmed Gov. Jindal's appointment of Kathy Kliebert and Courtney Phillips as DHH's Secretary and Deputy Secretary, respectively.

*ACA Enhanced Payment Updates: Deadline Approaching | Anticipated Payments | Inclusion of Others*

### Deadline Approaching

In order to receive enhanced reimbursement retrospective to 1/1/13, you must submit your Designated Physician form to Molina no later than 6/28/13. If you do not complete the forms by this date, your effective date for payments will be the date that your form is processed.

If you have not submitted your **Designated Physician Form**, you can download it at:

[http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider\\_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Provider_Enrollment/existingenrollments.htm)

You will need to download and complete the Medicaid Primary Care Services Designated Physician form and mail it to: Molina Medicaid Solutions, Provider Enrollment Unit P.O. Box 80159 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0159

To view an **informational bulletin** with all the details about ACA enhanced payments, go to:

[http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent\\_policy/ACA\\_PCP\\_Informational\\_Bulletin\\_FINAL\\_010612\\_revised\\_050713.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/ACA_PCP_Informational_Bulletin_FINAL_010612_revised_050713.pdf)

### Anticipated Beginning Date for Payments

On the Bayou Health call on 6/12/13, DHH staff announced that they have received final approval from CMS of the state plan for making payments to qualified providers. DHH anticipates being able to make the first payments by mid-July. This payment will be retrospective to the effective date and will be the difference between the regular rate and the enhanced rate.

**\*\* NOTE\*\*** In response to the question raised in the Bayou Health Administrative Simplification Committee meeting earlier this month regarding billed charges on claims eligible for the ACA primary care enhanced reimbursement, DHH has clarified that providers should bill their usual and customary rate and should not adjust claims to match billed

charges to the fee schedule for purposes of maximizing reimbursement. The federal OIG has made clear that they will audit these payments, and providers need to be aware of this eventuality and use caution with related billing practices.

## Inclusion of Other Professionals

DHH has responded to LA AAP leadership inquiry about the inclusion of Nurse Practitioners in the enhanced reimbursement for primary care services available under the Affordable Care Act by saying they are “pleased to report that after further consideration of the issue, Louisiana Medicaid will provide for payments to Advance Practice Nurse Practitioners (APNP) who work in a physician’s office and under a physician’s direct supervision. We are presently developing policies and procedures to support this change, and will revise our Informational Bulletin to provide details as soon as possible.”

On the Bayou Health call, DHH reported that details will be forthcoming. LA AAP will keep its membership informed as new details are available.

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## Bayou Health

### *Announcement of Staff Changes*

From Ruth Kennedy, LA Medicaid Director:

I am pleased to announce that effective immediately, Mary Johnson will be fully assuming all duties of Bayou Health Director. We have been planning for on this transition for a number of months, in anticipation of Ms. McAndrew’s retirement this summer.

In addition, I am naming Jen Steele as Bayou Health Assistant Director.

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### *Standard Bayou Health Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form*

All Bayou Health Prepaid Plans now accept a standard single page prior authorization form for outpatient pharmacy services. As developed by the Administrative Simplification Committee, the form is intended to streamline and simplify the pharmacy prior authorization process for providers who contract with multiple Bayou Health Prepaid Plans. The standard form is a complement to Plans' existing prior authorization processes, which providers may continue to use. The form is available on each Prepaid Health Plan’s website, along with instructions for its use.

The link below provides a copy of the form.

<http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2809>

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### *Informational Bulletins*

**UPDATED- [Informational Bulletin # 12-27: Provider Issue Escalation and Resolution](#)**

**New- [Informational Bulletin # 13-3: Dispensing Prescription Medication In the Event of an Emergency](#)**

All bulletins: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1198/n/311>

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## *Provider Calls*

The weekly provider call hosted by DHH takes place every Wednesday at noon. Any provider is welcome to call in, and pre-registration is not required.

The call in number is 1-888-278-0296

Access code is 6556479#

\*\*\* NOTE\*\*\* These calls will **STOP** at the end of June 2013. DHH reserves the option to begin having provider calls again if there are any major programmatic changes to the Bayou Health or Louisiana Medicaid program.

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## **AAP Pediatric Workforce Survey- Coming Soon**

The AAP Committee on Pediatric Workforce (COPW) is conducting an online survey of pediatricians who are members of the Chapter. The results will provide important workforce information and data that we can use in our state advocacy efforts and for Chapter planning. It will also enable the AAP, at the national level, to better advocate for our needs. We strongly encourage your participation! Please be on the lookout for an email with your link within the next month (You may need to check your SPAM folder, too!). If you have questions, please feel free to contact COPW member Christopher Harris ([christopher.harris@cshs.org](mailto:christopher.harris@cshs.org)). Thank you in advance for your time.

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## **Tulane Infant Mental Health Services (TIMHS) Program**

We are very pleased to contact you to introduce a new program that is focused on supporting the mental health needs of young children in Louisiana!

Tulane Infant Mental Health Services (TIMHS), was recently formed in order to provide services for low-income children ages 0-6 and their families. The TIMHS team is comprised of child psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and a community resource expert. All team members have expertise and experience in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. We know that experienced early childhood mental health providers are often scarce throughout the state, and yet the mental health needs of young children can be quite complicated and require timely attention and support.

TIMHS offers free mental-health consultation services to primary care providers (as well as childcare providers, educators, mental health clinicians, early steps providers). We can provide consultation about specific children or general principles of early childhood mental health care by telephone, e-mail, and/or secure videoconferencing, and will provide written feedback and recommendations to assist in the care of young children. We can also provide “lunch and learns or other mini-trainings directly to PCPs in their office via video conferencing.

What does this mean to you? If, in your work, you encounter young children who are Medicaid-eligible who may be having mental health difficulties, you can contact us to inquire about free consultation regarding that child. Common topics of consultation include:

- A child's behavioral or emotional functioning
- Mental health disorders in young children
- The use of psychiatric medications with young children
- Parent-child relationship problems
- Early childhood development
- Resources for families

We are physically located in New Orleans, LA, in the Tulane University School of Medicine, but we are available to consult with providers throughout the state. If you have questions about our services or would like to inquire about requesting a consultation appointment, please call us at: 504.988.9184.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a flyer about our consultation services. Please feel free to share it with your colleagues. If you might be interested in collaborating with us, we ask that you complete the [MD enrollment form](#) so we can stay in touch. (The enrollment form can be completed as a e-form or printed and completed by hand.) Thank you for your work on behalf of children in Louisiana, and we hope that we may collaborate with you in the future.

Thank you!

*The TIMHS Team*

Angela Breidenstine PhD  
Tessa Chesher DO  
Mary Margaret Gleason MD  
Katie Maskowitz, LCSW  
Lisa Settles PsyD  
Tracey Thomas MA  
Valerie Wajda- Johnston PhD  
Charles Zeanah MD

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## Happy June Birthdays!

6/1: Eric Price, MD (New Orleans); Danny Scott Wood, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge)

6/2: Alfred W Hathorn, Jr., MD (Shreveport); Merrill James Laurent, MD, FAAP (Covington)

6/4: Sandra A. Franz, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge); Todd Houston Pullin, MD, FAAP (Eunice)

6/5: Marissa Cantu, MD (Jefferson)

6/6: Courtney Michele James (Shreveport), Diane Marie Kirby, MD, FAAP (Maurepas)

6/9: Margaret C Duncan, MD, FAAP (Metairie); Adela Pratt Dupont, MD, FAAP (Houma); Tami Jeanne Hinz, MD, FAAP (New Orleans); Richard Franklin Howes, MD, FAAP (Lafayette)

6/10: Amar Dave, MD (Baton Rouge); Angelle L Klar, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge); Reita Leigh Lawrence, MD, FAAP (Metairie)

6/11: Elizabeth Ann Adams, MD, FAAP (Metairie); Charice Miller Hebert, MD, FAAP (Eunice); Roger Dennis Rholdon Sr., MD, FAAP (Hammond); Alison Marie Saulog Rivera, MD (New Orleans)

6/12: Leslie A Carter (Bossier City); Casandra Krieger, MD (New Orleans); Donald G Mack, MD, FAAP (Shreveport)

6/13: Michael S. Crapanzano, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge); Lawrence Mariano Simon, MD, FAAP (New Orleans)

6/14: Jay P Goldsmith, MD, FAAP (New Orleans); Theodore A. Irra, MD, FAAP (New Orleans); Carl D Robinson, MD, FAAP (Slidell)

6/15: Abraham Gedalia (New Orleans); John Anthony Vanchiere, MD, PhD, FAAP (Shreveport); Nirupma Verma, MD, FAAP (Alexandria)

6/16: Abbey McGough Carroll, MD, FAAP (Shreveport); Pamela Gayle Taggar Musacchia (Chalmette)

6/18: Mark Henry Dawson, MD, FAAP (Rayne); Lisa Khanh Le, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge)

6/19: Elizabeth Bowles, MD (New Orleans); Christina Piron, MD (New Orleans)



6/20: William Larry Gill, MD, FAAP (New Orleans); Linda M Keefer, MD, PhD, FAAP (Mandeville)

6/21: Kathleen Joyce Berg (Columbia)

6/22: Jimisha Patel, MD (New Orleans)

6/23: Caroline Burton, MD,(Slidell); Christopher Jenks, MD (Shreveport); William Andrew Loe Jr., MD, FAAP (Orlando)

6/24: Andrea Omond, MD, FAAP (Prairieville)

6/25: Mallory Smith, MD (Metairie)

6/26: Tracy A Lemelle, MD, FAAP (Baton Rouge); Dana Lynn Rivera, MD, FAAP (Metairie)

6/27: Mary Worrel Hulin (New Orleans); Lawanda Elaine Lamar-Bellamy, MD, FAAP (Crowley)

6/28: Edwin C Lin, MD, FAAP (Metairie); C Hunter Watts, MD, FAAP (Marrero)

6/29: Scott E. Ritch, MD (Shreveport); Jeffrey William Surcouf, MD, FAAP (Kenner)

6/30: Margot Bell Eason, MD (Monroe); Jessica Steinkampf, MD (New Orleans)

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## Nominate Colleagues Now For LA AAP Awards

LA AAP is seeking nominations for the Chapter's Annual Awards that will also be given at the annual meeting in September. See below for the descriptions, requirements, deadline and how to submit your nominations.

### *Annual Awards*

Please submit your nomination for the annual awards by July 19th to [ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto:ashley.politz@laaap.org). Include the name of the nominee and why you think they should be the award winner along with your contact information.

*David W. Van Gelder distinguished Service Award*—This award is to recognize and honor those rare and dedicated individuals who have contributed substantially to the advancement of the Chapter.

*Charles M Vanchiere Award*—This award is given to recognize special efforts to improve the health of children in Louisiana by increasing their access to needed health care.

*Elizabeth E. Cassinelli Award*—This award is given in recognition of special efforts relevant to women's careers in pediatrics-at academic institutions, as basic scientist or clinicians, and in the private sector.

*Outstanding Pediatric Society*—This award recognizes the president of the regional society for the society's outstanding programs or accomplishments.

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## SUIDA Recipe- Two Cheese Mediterranean Stuffed Chicken

Cheese makes the meal! The two cheeses naturally provide a unique combination of nutrients including calcium, potassium and vitamin D. Choose low fat varieties to keep your calories in check. Pair this recipe with a simple spring mixed salad for a nutrient packed dinner.

**Ingredients:**

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 6 oz. bag baby spinach
- 1 cup part-skim, shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 4 boneless, skinless medium chicken breast halves (approx. 1.5 lbs)
- 2 tsp Italian seasoning blend
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth

**Directions:**

Heat oil over medium heat in a nonstick skillet. Add onion and cook, stirring until onions are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes and garlic.

Add spinach, cover and cook for about 3 minutes until spinach is soft. Remove from heat. Let mixture cool slightly; stir in Mozzarella and Parmesan.

Heat oven to 375°. Beginning in the center of the thicker end of the breast, insert a small knife horizontally, stopping about 1 inch from opposite end.

Open incision to create a 1-inch-wide pocket and pack 1/4 of the filling mixture into each breast.

Season chicken with Italian seasoning blends and place in 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Pour broth over chicken. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 40 minutes; keep warm until served.

Recipe Source: Cabot

For more information and recipes visit [www.southeastdairy.org](http://www.southeastdairy.org)

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**Upcoming Events*****Ochsner 9th Annual Update in Pediatrics | 7/19-20/13 | New Orleans, La***

9th Annual Update in Pediatrics  
July 19-20, 2013  
Brent House Conference Center  
New Orleans, LA

For more information, or to register, please visit [www.ochsner.org/cme](http://www.ochsner.org/cme) or call (504) 842-6596.

[Click here](#) to view the brochure. Details on the course are below.

***Course Description:***

The field of Pediatrics is fluid with new discoveries and advances in patient care. Generalists must be knowledgeable in all areas of preventive care as well as be able to competently care for children with more complex medical problems. It is essential that these healthcare professionals remain current in all areas of pediatric medicine and we will address a range of topics in this year's course from general outpatient medicine to emergencies that generalists may encounter to chronic illness.

This CME course will provide participants with the basic science knowledge and bedside practical skills to manage many everyday clinical challenges. Through lectures, PowerPoint presentations, video demonstrations, and handouts, practitioners will visualize and take home key information for managing everyday encounter with pediatric patients.

*Educational Objectives:*

By the end of this conference, the participant should be able to:

- 1) Be informed of the clinical impact of new discoveries in the areas of Pediatrics including Orthopedics, Intensive Care, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Disease, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Neurosurgery, Endocrinology, Pulmonology, and Neurology, as well as Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Speech and Language Pathology, Transplant Medicine, and Child/ Adolescent Psychology.
- 2) Improve preventive health strategies for promotion of child health.
- 3) Develop critical skills in reviewing the current literature to enhance knowledge and improve clinical care in practice.

*Accreditation:*

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

*Designation:*

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

*Guest Speaker:*

Robert Hopkins, MD  
Section Chief, Pediatric Pulmonology, Tulane University School of Medicine

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***AAP: Pediatric Musculoskeletal Course | 7/19-21/13 | Cincinnati, OH***

Brought to you by the leadership of the AAP Orthopaedic Section, Rheumatology Section, and Sports Medicine and Fitness Council.

This course is targeted to the pediatrician and other child health professionals who want to gain expertise and confidence in the diagnosis and management of common musculoskeletal conditions.

Attendees will not only learn from the collective expertise of authorities in these three disciplines, but also the collective benefit of different teaching formats. No conference would be complete without podium lectures, but with musculoskeletal topics, expect some interesting videos and "mechanisms of injury." However, the teaching is not limited to faculty alone- attendees will definitely learn from each other and from themselves. Yes, the popular and highly-rated "hands on" small group seminars for joint examination are back, along with case-based discussions between faculty and attendees.

The faculty line-up includes practitioners from around the country who are recognized both as accomplished clinicians and educators in the field of musculoskeletal medicine. The line-up of topics has been carefully selected to address common concerns elicited in the office and provide practical points to help with evaluation, management, and directing appropriate and timely referrals when necessary.

[Visit our webpage](#) to learn more Or contact:  
Florence Stevens at 847/434-4790 or [fstevens@aap.org](mailto:fstevens@aap.org)

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

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***Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians' Annual Assembly | August 1-4, 2013 | New Orleans, La***

The 66th Annual Assembly & Exhibition  
August 1-4, 2013 at the Hotel Monteleone  
New Orleans, LA

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians invite you to join us at the 2013 Scientific Assembly, August 1-4, in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hotel Monteleone. This year's Assembly is undergoing changes with some exciting new additions and we want you to be a part of it!

Features of this year's conference include:

- High quality education sessions targeted towards the hottest topics in the specialty
- A full day of Practice Management sessions on Saturday (NEW!)
- An opportunity to hear important updates regarding the ABFM Maintenance of Certification (MC-FP) Part II requirements
- A Welcome Reception on Thursday evening where you can enjoy a taste of Louisiana enjoying a delicious dinner buffet and a chance to mingle with colleagues while listening to the dueling pianos at Pat O's on the River!
- An exhibition hall featuring vendors and products to assist you in your practice
- And more!

With more evening activities at this year's conference there are ample opportunities for you to expand your network of colleagues, and share your best practices with one another in an effort to continue to advance family medicine in Louisiana. Discover new ideas, refresh your skills and walk away with valuable knowledge you can put into practice immediately. For information and to register, go to: <http://www.lafp.org/content/cme-a-events/66th-annual-assembly-a-exhibition>

#### *Registration:*

Registration fee covers CME offerings, syllabus, daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks, as well as one complimentary ticket to the Social Events.

#### *Program Objectives & Information:*

This activity is designed for the specialty of family medicine, but may also be of educational interest to the specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics and other primary care fields. It is designed to introduce providers to the latest information, techniques and technology applicable to office-based patient care through didactic lectures and interactive discussions. Upon completion of this program, participants should have a working and applicable comprehension of these topics. Specific objectives for each topic will be included in the participant syllabus.

#### *Accreditation:*

Application for CME credit has been filed and being reviewed for Prescribed Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending. AAFP Prescribed Credit is accepted by the American Medical Association (AMA) as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for the AMA PRA, prescribed credit earned must be reported as prescribed credit, not as Category 1.

#### *Syllabus & Materials:*

The LAFP has received numerous requests to Go Green and we are excited to make it happen. Not only will this environmentally friendly initiative save on natural resources, the LAFP will save a significant amount in printing costs. By Going Green, we will NOT be providing a complimentary printed syllabus. We will be offering our program syllabus & conference materials online. Registered participants will receive an email with a web link approximately one week prior to the conference. The email will include a username and a password that will enable you to download, save and/or print your preferred program materials and course handouts. These online materials will be available for 90 days after the

program. We highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance as sometimes Internet speed can be slow in large meeting rooms. We appreciate your support as we go green this Spring.

The General Session Lecture Hall will offer complimentary wireless internet service. Please keep in mind, often times in large conference centers, WiFi access can be slow or intermittent when large groups access the internet at once. For this reason, we highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance of the event.

*ADA Compliance:*

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians is fully committed to the principle of equal educational opportunities for all individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristics protected by federal or state law. If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in this conference, please contact Jammie Olsen at 225.923.3313 no later than ten business days before for the start of this conference.

Refunds (less a \$100 administrative fee) will be made upon receipt of a written request until Monday, July 1, 2013. Tickets to any social events and workshops cannot be refunded unless they are resold.

*Exhibitors and Sponsors:*

Exhibit booth applications are now being received- send your application in today! Early bird discount fee is now in affect- take advantage while you can. We have sponsorships for every budget, including donated items for the daily drawings and live auction.

Contact Jammie Olsen mailto:[jolsen@lafp.org](mailto:jolsen@lafp.org) with any questions, we will gladly work with you to meet your marketing needs whatever the budget is. You may find all sponsorship levels outlined in the 2013 meeting prospectus as well as the exhibitor application.

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***Academic Distinction Fund Distinguished Speaker Series | 9/9/13 | Baton Rouge, La***

Academic Distinction Fund - Distinguished Speaker Series  
Mind in the Making: Executive Functions- How Parents and Teachers Can Help a Child Succeed

Date: Monday, September 9, 2013

Times: Registration- 4:00 - 4:30pm

Program- 4:30 - 6:00pm

Location: Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel (7000 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

Distinguished Speaker:

Ellen Galinsky  
President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute  
Author of Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs

In her highly acclaimed book, Mind in the Making, Ellen Galinsky identifies seven life skills that are essential to success—in school, the workforce and in life:

1. Focus and Self Control
2. Perspective Taking
3. Communicating
4. Making Connections
5. Critical Thinking
6. Taking on Challenges
7. Self-Directed Engaged Learning

In her presentation, Ellen will use an interactive approach that is based on research-based principles of adult learning. Participants will be engaged in direct experiences that help them think about their own learning in relation to the seven essential skills. They will see videos of researchers “in action” sharing studies on the same topic, and they will be able to apply what they have learned to their own lives. Professional Credits will be offered.

EBRPSS CLU's  
Child Care Provider clock hours  
Social Work CEU's  
Counselor contact hours

For more information and to register, go to: [www.adfbr.org](http://www.adfbr.org)

ADF's Distinguished Speaker Series provides critical information on the latest early childhood development research and best practices. Launched in 2011 as the first series of its kind, Distinguished Speaker Series expanded in 2012 and continues in 2013 to provide free community education in East Baton Rouge Parish. Research-based presentations engage nationally-recognized scholars to address what it takes for pre-kindergarten children to be successful in kindergarten and first grade, regardless of their socio-economic and racial backgrounds.

We encourage you to share news of this event with your communication links, colleagues and networks. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the presentation.

If you have any questions, please contact ADF at [info@adfbr.org](mailto:info@adfbr.org) or call 225.922.4560.

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***Pediatric Potpourri on the Bayou / 9/27-29/13 / Lafayette, La***

Mark Your Calendar! The Annual Pediatric Potpourri sponsored by the Louisiana AAP Foundation and co-sponsored by Woman's Foundation will be held in Lafayette, LA on Friday, September 27, 2013 through Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Watch your inbox and mailbox for more details.