

What's Happening at TUCC

1999 to 2000 Initiatives at Tufts University Center for Children

Instructional Innovation

Faculty, staff and alumni from TUSVM, Child Development, BSOT and School Psychology developed internship and very successful summer course addressing the emerging field of healing natural environments, including roles for companion animals, *The Natural World: Applications for Therapy and Education*. Twenty students enrolled. Excellent evaluations. To be repeated summer 2001.

Certificate program in Tel Aviv

Working Group on Preventing Youth Violence

Convened a group of faculty, students and alumni from Medford and Boston to initiate policy analysis in violence prevention. Applied for and received Across University Departments with Information Technology (AUDIT) Grant award to support course and database development. Course developed as CD 143S cross-listed with UEPP. Fully subscribed.

Child Environmental Health

Collaborating with Community Health in Boston and Medford and the Tufts Institute for the Environment (TIE) to launch a university-government-community partnership to innovate solutions to child environmental health issues. Seed funding from EPA will convene a very successful summit meeting in May 2000 of New England Regional Commissioners of Public Health and Environmental Protection for dialog with NGO's and faculty scholars on creating "Healthy Homes/Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities." Goal is to galvanize action on behalf of children and create meaningful service learning opportunities for Tufts students. Conceived at the Summer 1999 Faculty Institute on Active Citizenship and Public Service.

Collaborating with UCCPS, TIE, Tufts University Medical School, Community Medicine, and UEPP to develop a proposal in response to a federal Housing and Urban Development initiative, entitled, "

United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001 to 2010)

Collaborating with Peace and Justice Studies and International Relations to build on freshman advising project to develop seminar series, Windows on Research classes and student-led Explorations using "Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace" enumerated in UN Declaration for the International Decade.

International Research and Training in Maternal and Child Health and Youth Development

Collaborating and supporting HHS-funded **Fogarty Grant** of \$950K to train researchers and clinician in southern Africa. Tufts partners from Fletcher School, Medical School, Nutrition School and Child Development. . . Endorsing and facilitating youth development initiative in collaboration with **Feinstein Famine Center, Fletcher School and Nutrition School**. . . Collaborated in launching new **Albert Schweitzer Education Fellowship** program. First fellows are from BSOT and TUSM.

Technical Assistance/Consultation

Consulting to American Academy of Pediatrics' Task Force on the Family, reviewing scientific literature relevant to policy and practice recommendations.

Mentoring Resource

TUCC staff offer career guidance and policy internship opportunities from departments on Medford Campus. Project assistants are Tufts graduate students.

University-wide Speaker Series

Peace and Justice Brunch Panel. "Children in a World of Violence" 9/30/99. . . **Jeanne Goldberg, Ph.D., R.D. (TUSNSP)** at the Department of Education. . . . "A Report Card on Nutrition and Fitness in Schools: Can We Better the Grade?" 10/12/99. . . . **Barney Brawer (CACD)** at the Department of Child Development. "Reinventing Boyhood: Connecting Boy's Development, Women's Psychology, Lives of Men and the World of Schools" 10/19/99. . . . **Craig Latham, Ph.D. (MGH/HMS)** at the Department of Child Development. . . "Effects of Media Sex and Violence on Children's Behavior." 11/30/99. . . **Avi Sagi, Ph.D. (Haifa University)** at Medford. "The Transmission of Holocaust Trauma Across the Generations" 1/28/00. . . . **Steven Glicken, MD (NEMC/TUSM)** at Boston. "The Special Situation of Children With Special Needs in Eastern Europe" 2/2/00. . . . **Dante Spetter, Ph.D. (NEMC/TUSM)** at Department of Child Development. "I can do that. . . I can do that. . . Pediatric Psychology and Multidisciplinary Care in Cystic Fibrosis." 2/15/00. . . . **Marian Heard, President and CEO United Way of Mass Bay and Chair of the Points of Light Foundation**, cosponsored President's Seminar with UCCPS. "Voluntary Action" 2/4/00. . . . **Robert Sege, MD, PhD (NEMC/TUSM)** at the Department of Child Development. "Not your father's fistfight: Preventing Adolescent peer violence" 3/14/00. Cosponsored with Community Health and Peace and Justice Studies. . . . **U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy** at Cabot Auditorium "Governmental Leadership: Investing in Children" 4/14/00. Cosponsor President's Seminar

Professional Development Workshops/Conferences

Deborah Rivlin (BMC & JBCC). "Good Grief: Pioneering Support for Children and Families Experiencing Trauma and Loss" Co- sponsored with Departments of Education, Psychology, and Child Development. 10/6/99. . . . Northeast Child Maltreatment Conference, Providence, RI. TUCC co-sponsoring with TUSM and community agencies and providing ten scholarships to subsidize registration. 11/15 - 17/99. . . . Submitted one of the four successful proposals to Tufts' new Office for Technology and Industry Collaboration to develop and market science-based professional development for teachers, pediatricians, and psychologists. Team includes Medford and Boston faculty. . . . Technology conference for teachers in Medford, Malden and Everett 3/1/00. . . TUCC annual conference. Featuring David Elkind keynote "An Uncivil Place: The School as Mirror of Society" and 16 poster sessions and working groups 3/15/00. . . . "Learning and the Brain", collaboration with inter-university neuroscience and education efforts 4/30/00.

Networking and Communications

Established e-mail listserv and monthly electronic newsletter including more than 100 faculty and staff across all Tufts' schools. Smaller listservs serve TUCC steering , violence prevention committees and graduate students. . . . Provide publicity for community events such as Kid Flicks and Family Forum. . . . Liaison and information exchange with relevant internal and external communities, e.g., TIE, N-12 Task Force, Institute on Aging, American Health Foundation, University Partnership for Infant/ Toddler Professionals, Fourth World Movement and UCCPS.

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| <p>Tufts University Center for Children (TUCC) is a resource of and for affiliated faculty with interests in child development, health and policy. TUCC catalyzes and facilitates interdisciplinary research, service, education, training and social action advancing the well being of children, their families and their communities.</p> |
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