

# ***The MISSION is POSSIBLE:***

## **FACING THE CHALLENGE**

2016 OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

*Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center*

*May 11-13, 2016*

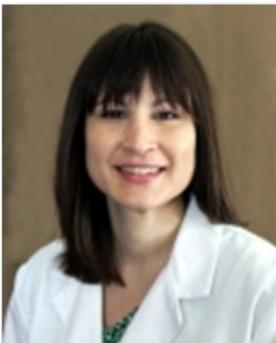
## ***The Early Childhood Track***



### ***Marva L. Lewis, Ph.D. - May 12th***

#### **Legacy of the Historical Trauma of Slavery - Colorism in Parent-Child Relationships: Translating Research into Community-Based Interventions for Parents**

Dr. Lewis is an Associate Professor at the Tulane University School of Social Work with a clinical appointment in the Department of Child Psychiatry in New Orleans, Louisiana. In her workshop, she will discuss the practice of Colorism - valuing light skin color and rejection of dark skin and how research findings offer naturalistic methods to strengthen parent-child relationships.



### ***Tessa Chesher, D.O. - May 11th***

#### **Learning the Language of Babies: An Introduction to the World of Infant Mental Health Assessments**

Dr. Chesher is a part of the psychiatry faculty at the OU School of Community Medicine and is board certified in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Chesher will present a day long Institute to introduce the tools that are currently available to practitioners to begin to understand the language of babies and discuss the developmental theory of attachment so that patterns of attachment, attachment disorders, and representations can be recognized.



### ***Glade Topham, Ph.D. - May 12th***

#### **An Overview of Three Highly Effective Treatment Approaches to Strengthening Early Parent-Child Relationships**

Dr. Topham is an Associate Professor and program coordinator for the graduate program in Marriage and Family Therapy in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Oklahoma State University. In his workshop, Dr. Topham will discuss how socio-emotional well being in early childhood is heavily influenced by the quality of the parent-child relationship and three treatment approaches demonstrated to have long-term positive outcomes for parents and children.



### ***Dorinda Williams, Ph.D. - May 13th***

#### **Buffering our Babies: Coming Together Around Military, Veteran, and Families Affected by Stress or Trauma**

Dr. Williams is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a strong focus in infant mental health and military and Veteran families. Her work promotes strong parent-child attachments, building on family strengths, and fostering resilience in the context of trauma and loss. In her workshop, Dr. Williams will discuss ways community collaboration can foster resilience in babies and toddlers affected by challenging circumstances, with a focus on active duty Guard and Reserve and Veteran families.