Early Mental Health: Considering the Social Brain & Social Environment
A ConnectU Workshop for professionals and individuals working with families and children.

University of Minnesota Featured Speakers:

Maria Kroupina, Ph.D.
Dr. Kroupina is an assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics. She received her Master’s Degree from Moscow State University and her doctorate at the Institute of Child Development, U of M. Dr. Kroupina’s combined research-clinical program goal is to design a clinic for young children with a history of early adversity and toxic stress, including those with histories of institutional care, multiple foster placements and early emotional trauma. The clinic will focus on early identification of high-risk children to prevent long-term negative mental health and neurodevelopmental outcomes through early intervention. She is leading development of a new mental health program at the Department of Pediatrics for children birth to three.

Jed Elison, Ph.D.
Dr. Elison, assistant professor at the Institute of Child Development (ICD), received his doctorate at the University of North Carolina. His overall research examines basic developmental processes that contribute to individual differences in social communication during the infant and toddler period; he studies this by using eye-tracking and neuroimaging. Specific research interests include: developmental social neuroscience, structural brain development and social cognition, visual attention, joint attention, MRI, DWI, autism and emerging psychopathology. Expertise in both typical and atypical development is key to his work in the ICD.

Moderator:

Christopher Boys, Ph.D.
Dr. Boys is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, U of M. He is a Pediatric Neuropsychologist who completed his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and post-doctoral Pediatric Neuropsychology fellowship at the U. Dr. Boys consults at many University clinics. He is a frequent presenter at the U’s Southwest Research and Outreach Center.

This workshop is coordinated by the University of Minnesota Extension and the Southwest Research & Outreach Center in partnership with the University’s Center for Neurobehavioral Development, Institute for Translational Research in Children’s Mental Health, and Children, Youth & Family Consortium.

Date:
Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Time:
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Registration at 8:30 a.m.)

Location:
University of Minnesota Southwest Research & Outreach Center (SWROC)
23669 130th St.
Lamberton, MN

Audience:
The workshop is designed for those working in early childhood professions including those in K-12 education, public health, mental health, social work and social services, parent education and others seeking more information on early mental health issues, research and practice.

Continuing Education Units:
5 clock hours

Registration Fee:
$30

Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Registration is capped at 85, so register early!

Name:__________________________________________

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Preregistration due:  
Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Cost:  
$30 (check or county voucher payable to University of Minnesota)

Send to:  
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