February 2009 Newsletter

9th Annual Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Forum

Teen Pregnancy Rates per 1,000

The PLC Program will be hosting Rachael Phelps, MD, who will be presenting Grand Rounds entitled: “We Can Do Better: Proven Practices to Prevent Teen Pregnancy” at 8:00 am on Wednesday, March 18th in the Class of '62 Auditorium at the Golisano Children’s Hospital at Strong. Her talk will focus on evidence-based community-level approaches to prevent teen pregnancies. Other western nations have much lower teen pregnancy rates than the U.S. Different approaches to teen sexuality explain some of this disparity and offer clues for what will work here. Teen pregnancy is a risk factor for numerous problems. Infants of teen mothers are more likely to be premature and have lower birth weight. Teen mothers are at high risk for poverty and dropping out of school.

Dr. Phelps is a Pediatrician and Medical Director of Surgical Services at Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region. Dr. Phelps is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She completed both her residency training in pediatrics, and a fellowship in Women’s Reproductive Health at the University of Rochester. She is a popular speaker who has lectured on this topic at medical schools across the country.

As in past years, there will be an informal reception with a CARE Track community project poster session from 9-11 a.m. in the Sarah Flaum Atrium. Residents and fellows will be available for questions and discussion of their community projects. Please RSVP if you intend to stay for the reception following Grand Rounds.

For additional information, please visit www.plccare.org or call (585) 273-3737 or (585) 273-5942.

In the News:

Dr. Jeff Kaczorowski, PLC Co-Director, was recently interviewed for the article “Raising Kayla” for the Rochester City Newspaper’s November 5, 2008 issue. Dr. Kaczorowski speaks as an advocate for the Nurse Family Partnership Program, crediting the program with improved school readiness for children and fewer arrests and convictions for mothers.


Announcements:

- Two former CARE Track residents, Jennifer Linebarger, MD and Sara Horstmann, MD, along with CARE Track Director Andy Aligne, MD, MPH are heading to Anaheim California this February to present at the AAP "Future of Pediatrics" Conference. They were selected as one of five presenters from across the nation to speak on how to effectively work with schools regarding pediatric advocacy. They will also be presenting a poster on successes of resident education in Community Pediatrics, highlighting the CARE Track curriculum.