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## CARE Track Resident Spotlight - Abigail Kroening, MD



Dr. Abigail Kroening, a current Pediatric Chief Resident, is collaborating with the Hall of Justice Children's Center at Family Court to connect families to the vast resources within our Rochester Community. In 2010, over 26,000 petitions were filed in Monroe County Family Court, affecting thousands of children. Many of these children are not receiving vital services, including optimal health, educational, nutritional, and developmental care. The CAREing in Court (CiC) Project, initiated as part of the Child Advocacy Resident Education (CARE) Track during Dr. Kroening's pediatric residency training, offers an opportunity to identify the diverse needs of the children and families in crisis who present to Family Court and provide them with on-site referrals and follow-up to customized services that will ultimately result in decreased family stress and overall health improvement. During its five-month pilot phase, the CAREing in Court Project was able to provide 116 families (149 children) with 217 referrals to previously unaccessed community resources. The CiC Project is funded through generous grant support by the Community Pediatrics Advisory Council (CPAC) and sustained through the tireless efforts of the staff at the Children's Center, Ms. Eileen Caldarelli-Whitney and Ms. Taryn Johnson, and Catherine Cerulli, J.D., PhD, our colleague at URMC Department of Psychiatry, all of whom are deeply invested in the well-being of the children cared for at Court. See a video clip of Dr. Kroening describing her CAREing in Court project here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6\\_pZyExpIE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6_pZyExpIE)

## Announcements:

We are pleased to announce that the Community and Partners for Children Grants Committee awarded 5 grants to pediatric residents for the 2011-2012 academic year. The projects that were funded are: **CAREing in Court**, Partnering to Promote Health & Wellness for Kids in Crisis, Dr. Abigail Kroening; **Cyclopedia**, Improving Physical and Social Health Through Bicycling, Dr. Geoff "Cappy" Collins; **Health Power**, Empowering Teens Through Community Action for Public Health, Dr. Lynette Froula; **Look Who's Cooking**, Bringing Families Together at Mealtime to Prevent Obesity, Dr. Kathleen Wania; **Making Minds, Making Music**, Improving Basic Literacy Skills in Early Elementary Children Using Music in the Classroom, Drs. Elizabeth Diekroger and Rebecca Pratt.

## Residents Presenting in the Community:

Our CARE residents, **Abigail Kroening, MD, Anne Huber, MD and Hilary Southerland, MD** were invited to speak about their projects at the Rochester Pediatric Society/ Golisano Children's Hospital 4th Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Avenue. Abby presented her CAREing in Court project and Hilary and Anne presented their Evidence Based Contraception project.

## In the News:

In our June 2011 Newsletter we highlighted Bridgett Weifling, MD, Medical Director and CEO of the Anthony Jordan Health Center. This month the Anthony Jordan Health Center acquired Westside Health Services. Link to article here: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/201109020500/NEWS01/109020349>

**Tania Caballero, M.D.**, 2nd year CARE Track resident, was featured on 13-WHAM news promoting the Rochester General Pediatrics Reach Out and Read Program. Link to the story here: <http://www.13wham.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoId=2847185&navCatId=21029>

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