Addiction and the Urban Child

Ninth Annual Urban Child Symposium

April 6, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Substance use disorders affect over 20 million Americans ages 12 and older. In addition, more than 8 million adults struggle with both addiction and a mental health disorder. Over 60 percent of teens report that drugs are sold, used or kept at their schools. Family dysfunction is one of the major tragic consequences of addiction, including financial and legal problems, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence. Yet only 10 percent of those who need drug treatment receive it. Many of the remaining millions are involved in the justice system for reasons directly and indirectly related to their substance use disorders.

In its ninth Urban Child Symposium, the Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts brings together experts at the front lines of this critical national issue to examine the science of addiction, as well as the connections between substance use disorders and the legal, social and economic problems faced by urban families. The symposium also explores ways in which our communities can help address the problems faced by families and children whose lives are affected by substance use disorders and dependence.

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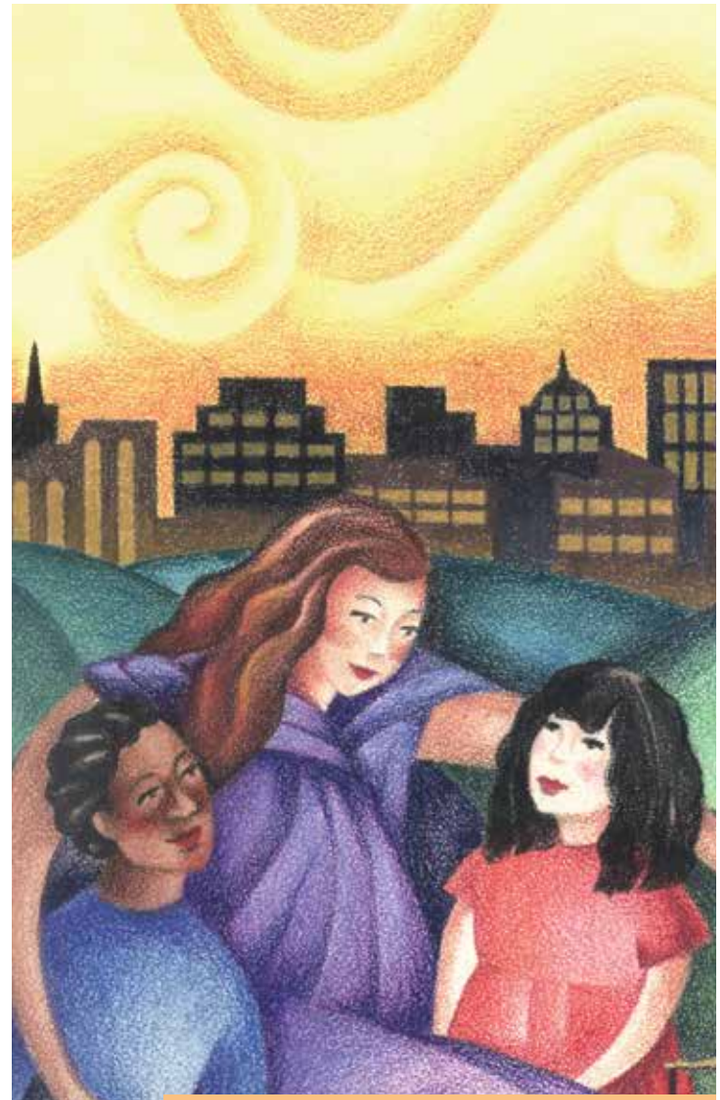

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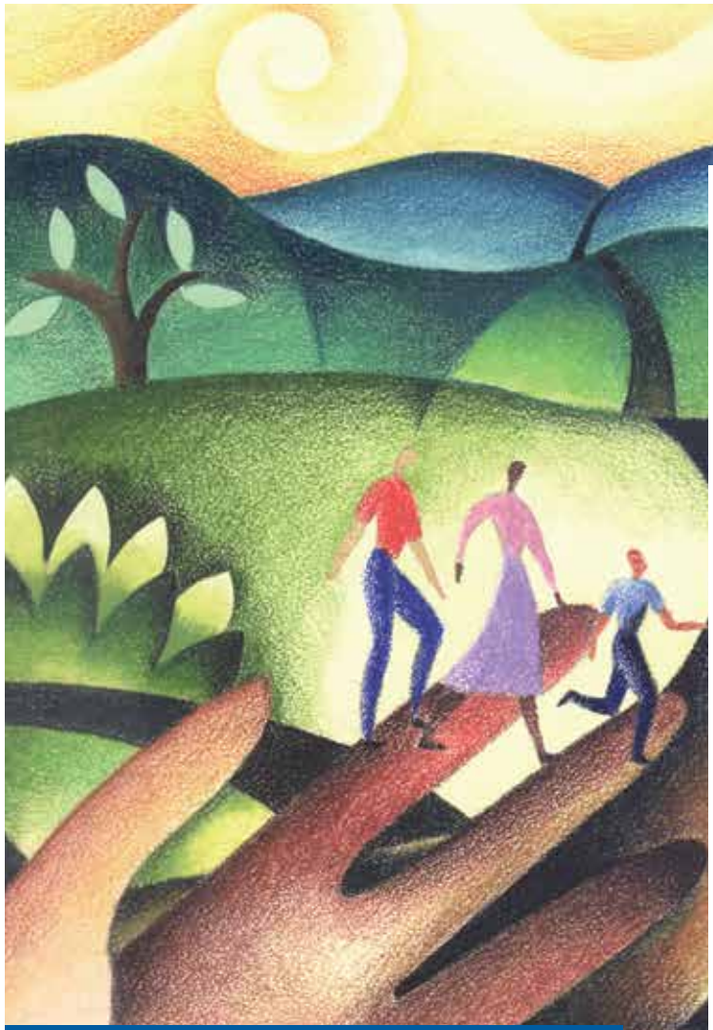

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

There is no charge to attend the conference, but preregistration is strongly recommended as space is limited. To register online, visit **law.ubalt.edu/calendar** and locate the event on April 6. Contact Marcellus Anderson at 410.837.5615 with any questions.

The most current information about visitor parking at the University is available at **www.ubalt.edu/parking**.

Schedule

8:30 – 9 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ronald Weich, Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law

Barbara Babb, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

9:15 – 10 a.m. Keynote Address

Bridget Brennan, Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Panel One: The Science of Addiction

Panelists will examine the most recent neuroscience research regarding the impact of drugs and alcohol on the brain. They will discuss the disease model of addiction and its characterization as a chronic relapsing disorder. The panel also will address the connections between substance dependence and legal, social and economic problems.

Panelists:
Dr. Scott Nolen, Director, Drug Addiction Treatment Program, OSI-Baltimore

Dr. Hoover Adger, Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

The Hon. Ronald Silkworth, Chief Judge, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court

Ivette Torres, Director, Office of Consumer Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

Moderator:
Gloria Danziger, Senior Fellow, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

12 noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:15 – 2 p.m. Keynote Address

Peter Bruun, Founder, New Day Campaign

2 – 3:15 p.m.

Panel Two: The Community's Response to Addiction

Panelists will identify the unique challenges faced by families struggling with substance abuse. They will propose ways in which the legal, health, education and civic communities can help address the problems faced by families and children who suffer from substance dependence.

Panelists:
Dr. Marc Fishman, Medical Director, Maryland Treatment Centers, and Assistant Director, Johns Hopkins University Department of Psychiatry

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr., Executive Director, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Olivia Farrow, Deputy Health Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department

Vanita Taylor, Chief Attorney, Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) Division, Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore

Moderator:
Michele Hong-Polansky, Program Manager, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks, Collection of Evaluations and Thanks

Barbara Babb