Urban children and their families face multiple acute health challenges due to where they live: in our inner cities. Many lack the basic resources necessary to stay healthy, including affordable and nutritious food, safe areas where children can exercise and high-quality medical care. At the same time, children and their families confront problems such as poverty, lead paint poisoning, pollution, substance abuse and violence. The consequences of these obstacles are predictable, as inner-city children do more poorly on health measures than do their peers living in more supportive environments. The Center for Families, Children and the Courts invites you to join an important conversation to address and to propose remedies for some of the daunting issues these children encounter.
Schedule

8:30-9 a.m.
Registration

9-9:15 a.m.
Opening Remarks
Joseph S. Wood, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Baltimore
Phillip J. Closius, Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law
Barbara A. Babb, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, University of Baltimore School of Law

9:15-10 a.m.
Challenges and Stresses for the Urban Child
Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

10-11:30 a.m.
Safety and Stress in Intimate Relationships: Child Abuse and Neglect, Domestic Violence and Sexually Transmitted Diseases
Moderator: Barbara A. Babb
• Dr. Charles Shubin, Medical Director, Mercy Family Care Children’s Health Center
• Elena Cohen, Director, Safe Start Center, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice
• Dr. Maria Trent, Adolescent Pediatrician, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Luncheon
Introduction of Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Robert L. Bogomolny, President, University of Baltimore
Luncheon Keynote Speaker
U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Maryland’s 7th District

1:15-3 p.m.
Physical Health and Disorders Related to Nutrition and Environmental Conditions
Moderator: Sharon Rubinstein, Senior Fellow, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, University of Baltimore School of Law
• Alan Lyles, Henry A. Rosenberg Professor of Public, Private and Nonprofit Partnerships, School of Public Affairs and Schaefer Center for Public Policy, University of Baltimore
• Leigh Cobb, Health Policy Director, Advocates for Children and Youth
• Anthony Geraci, Director of Food Services, Baltimore City Public Schools
• Ruth Ann Norton, Executive Director, Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning

3-3:15 p.m.
Break

3:15-4:45 p.m.
Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Behavioral Challenges
Moderator: Gloria Danziger, Senior Fellow, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, University of Baltimore School of Law
• Janice Cooper, Interim Director, National Center for Children in Poverty, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
• Edward H. Jurith, General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy
• Rebecca Landa, Director, Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Kennedy Krieger Institute

4:45-5 p.m.
Closing Remarks
Barbara A. Babb

Conference Registration and Accommodations

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