



Fall 2023 Speaker Bios

Katie Breen

Katie Breen, MPH has worked in maternal health in various capacities, including quality improvement collaboratives with CDC and the state of Texas, national public awareness campaigns, and policy and research translation. With a background in digital marketing and advocacy, she continues to volunteer her time for reproductive health and social justice causes by serving as Communications and Technology Director of March for Moms and as host of The Femtastic Podcast. Katie Breen earned her Master of Public Health at Harvard University with a concentration in Maternal-Child Health. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from University of Maryland, College Park, where she earned the honors of Top Graduate in Marketing and delivered the commencement address of the Robert H. Smith School of Business.

Lauren Bruns

Lauren Bruns is Assistant Professor of Pediatrics with CU School of Medicine and works clinically as a newborn hospitalist at Denver Health. In her non-clinical time, she serves as a steering committee member of CHoSEN QIC and SuPPoRT Colorado as Plans of Safe Care Work Group Co-Chair. She is also the PI of Denver Health's CMS funded Maternal Opioid Misuse Grant, which supports the Perinatal Navigator and Peer Recovery Support Program.

Monica Faherty

Monica Faherty, MSN, RN, IBCLC is a Texas native. She has a nursing background in women and infant care and in lactation. She currently is the OB Care Manager at Family Medicine Center where she co-manages all of the OB patients with the residents and faculty attendings. In her free time she loves to hike, spend time with her neighborhood commune, travel, and enjoy each day with her ginger boys.

Jeannie Folan

Jeannie Folan, MD is originally from Colorado Springs. She attended medical school at Georgetown University, before moving to Fort Collins to complete her family medicine residency training and faculty development fellowship at the Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency. She is now faculty at the Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency and CU School of Medicine at CSU. She spends her free time outside with her husband, daughter, and 2 golden retrievers.

Christine Gold

Christine Gold is a Pediatric Hospitalist and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics for the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Her clinical work is in the level 1 newborn nursery setting. Dr. Gold is a co-chair for the Illuminate/SuPPoRT Colorado Policy Analysis Workgroup and a leader in substance-exposed newborn work at UHealth. She works closely with organizations across Colorado to optimize and standardize care of substance-affected families.

Robyn Gustafson

APRN Women and Children's Service Line UHealth North

Robyn Gustafson, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC, C-ONQS is the APRN for Women and Children's Service Line for UHealth Northern Region and has worked for PVH/UHealth for the last 23 years in the Women and Children's Service Line. Some of her many roles have included bedside staff nurse and clinical educator, she has been the APRN for Women and Children's Service Line for the last nine years. As the APRN Robyn works to bring nursing and medical practice together to provide high quality, evidenced based care to all patients in the Women and Children's Service line from neonates to pediatrics to birthing patients through developing and implementing best practices with a multidisciplinary team.

Laurie Seidel Halmo

Dr. Halmo is a medical toxicologist and an assistant professor of pediatrics in the Section of Hospital Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado. In addition to her clinical work as a pediatric hospitalist and medical toxicologist, Dr. Halmo is involved in numerous quality improvement initiatives related to the care of hospitalized toxicology patients, with a particular focus on children and maternal-infant dyads affected by substance use.

Kylie Hibshman

Kylie Hibshman, LCSW, PMH-C is the Director of Integrated Behavioral Health and CPCQC. In her role, she works to advance equitable outcomes for birthing and postpartum people through collective impact, integrated care, and advocacy efforts across the state of Colorado. She is passionate about bringing an intersectional, trauma-informed, and data-driven approach to driving systems-level change.

Susan Hwang

Susan Hwang, MD MPH PhD is a neonatologist, health services researcher, and perinatal quality improvement expert at Children's Hospital Colorado and the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She leads the Colorado Hospitals Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative (CHoSEN QIC) and the Data-driven Engagement of Families to Improve the NICU Experience (DEEFINE) QIC. She previously led the Massachusetts Hospitals Safe Infant Sleep Quality

Improvement Collaborative. Dr. Hwang received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate, MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health, and PhD from the University of Colorado Graduate School. She completed her pediatric residency and chief residency at New York University and her neonatal fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Hwang is an NIH-funded investigator whose research interest is in the transition of high-risk infants from hospital to home, with particular focus on safe infant sleep practices to reduce sudden unexpected infant death.

Jenny Koch-Zapfel

Jenny Koch Zapfel, MSW, has been with the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect for 18 years. During that time, Jenny has gained extensive experience in program development, training and coaching. Jenny currently serves as a Trainer and Coach for the SafeCare®Colorado Program at Kempe as well as the Program Manager for the CHoSEN QIC Perinatal Navigator Program. Jenny received her Masters of Social Work from the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work in 2000. Jenny has worked in the field of child welfare since 1994 and has provided direct services to families as a child protection worker and home visitor and has been involved in the research and program development of programs serving the child welfare population and in the training of staff serving the child welfare population.

Torri Metz

Torri Metz, MD, MS, is Vice-Chair for Research, Division Chief of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Utah Health. She is a practicing maternal-fetal medicine subspecialist. Dr. Metz completed both her medical school and residency training at the University of Colorado. She then went on to complete her Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship and Master of Science in Clinical Investigation at the University of Utah in 2012. She is a member of both the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) Clinical Document Review Panel and SMFM Board of Directors. Nationally, she has served on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines-Obstetrics and is an American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology board examiner for subspecialty boards. She is the Deputy Editor for Obstetrics for the Green Journal, Obstetrics & Gynecology. She is the PI for the Utah Center of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network and has R01 funding from the National Institutes of Health to study the association between cannabis use and adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Karli Swenson

Karli Swenson, PhD, MPH(c) is a program assistant at the Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative. Karli received her PhD in Physiology where she studied cannabis and CBD usage in pregnancy, and is soon to complete her masters in maternal and child public health. Karli has been with CPCQC working on the CO AIM SUD initiative to improve substance use screening, brief intervention, and referral to

treatment for pregnant patients. Recently, Karli has been working predominantly to address stigma and bias among healthcare providers to improve the care for pregnant patients with substance use disorders.

Lyle Wagner

Lyle Wagner is a pediatric nurse practitioner and former NICU nurse who currently works as a newborn hospitalist. She is a Senior Instructor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Advanced Practice Provider Lead at the University of Colorado Hospital Newborn Nursery. Lyle is actively involved in the Illuminate/SuPPoRT Colorado Policy Analysis Workgroup and helps lead efforts to improve care of substance exposed newborns and substance affected families at the University of Colorado Hospital.

Kathryn Wells

Dr. Kathryn Wells is the Executive Director of the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect and the Section Head for Child Abuse and Neglect in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Prior to this role, Dr. Wells served as the Medical Director and Team Lead of the Denver Health medical clinic at the Denver Family Crisis Center for 15 years. Dr. Wells is also an attending physician with the Kempe Child Protection Team at Children's Hospital Colorado and has an academic appointment as an Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She is a Board-Certified Pediatrician and is Sub Boarded in Child Abuse Pediatrics.

Jade Woodard

Jade has served as the Executive Director of Illuminate Colorado since its inception in 2015, following 7 years as the Executive Director of founding partner agency, the Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Prior to this work, she provided family support services in a variety of settings to families impacted by homelessness, domestic violence, and substance use disorders. Jade has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. As the Executive Director of Illuminate Colorado, she has participated in and led many state level initiatives related to child maltreatment, substance use, child maltreatment prevention, public awareness, and collaborative community approaches. Currently, Jade serves on the Colorado Partnership for Thriving Families Steering Committee, SuPPoRT Colorado Steering Committee, Delivery of Child Welfare Services Task Force, Home Visitation Investment Task Force, Essentials for Childhood Steering Committee, Early Childhood Department Transition Advisory Group, Safe Child Care Task Force, Plans of Safe Care Rule Writing Group, and Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention.

Nancy Young

Dr. Nancy Young is the Executive Director of Children and Family Futures, a research and policy institute whose mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect while improving safety, permanency, well-being, and recovery outcomes with equity for all children, parents and families affected by trauma, substance use and mental health disorders. Since 2002, she has served as Project Director of the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, an initiative of the Children's Bureau (CB), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Since 2010, she has served as the Project Director of the Office on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) Training and Technical Assistance Program to improve outcomes for families through Family Treatment Courts. Dr. Young holds a PhD and an MSW from the University of Southern California, School of Social Work.