

Dear Colleagues,

I am contacting you as a General Pediatrician with an interest in improving the mental and behavioral health of our children. I am inviting you to participate in my project "Partnering to Improve Pediatric Mental and Behavioral Health Training to Meet the Needs of Today's Children."

I invite you to join others across the country to contribute to the first phase of a project designed to develop a national consensus about how to improve the training of future pediatricians to provide mental and behavioral health care to their patients. In this phase, I'm asking people to brainstorm ideas about how we can better educate pediatricians to achieve this goal. The process is entirely web based, anonymous, and voluntary. It will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. To participate please click on this link.

<http://www.conceptsystemsglobal.com/PIPMBHT/brainstorm>

Please feel free to share this email with colleagues or trainees you think may be interested in this subject. This project was deemed exempt through our IRB. Email me with any questions, concerns, or if you are interested in participating in later phases of the project. cmg9004@med.cornell.edu. If you want more information about the project please read below.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and participation...

Project Background

1 in 5 children have a mental health problem, yet most do not receive needed care due to a shortage of child psychiatrists and the stigma associated with mental health. Pediatricians are best suited to address common mental and behavioral health problems routinely as part of primary care due to the longitudinal relationships they develop with patients and their families. However, the pediatric workforce is not prepared to assume this role.

I am asking for input from multiple individuals who have expertise or experiences in these matters and those who have children with behavioral or mental health concerns. My hope is to create a consensus about ideas and priorities to help provide future pediatricians with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to better meet the needs of today's children.

The specific purposes of this Concept Mapping project are to:

- Understand the multiple perspectives of different stakeholders in how to prepare the pediatric workforce to provide mental and behavioral health care.
- Identify which experiences or components of a pediatric training program are judged by stakeholders to be of greatest importance.
- Assess the degree to which there is consensus among stakeholders in regards to what is needed to improve residency training programs.
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Further information about concept mapping methodology can be found at the below.

Trochim, W. (February 2017). Introduction to a special issue on concept mapping. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, Volume 60, 166-175.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0149718916301471>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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