

**City of Seattle**  
**Applying Evidence-Based Research to Public Policy**  
**May 3, 2011**

**Note -- We will capture notes from our panel discussion today as well as input from your feedback forms and post this all on our website at: [www.seattle.gov/audit](http://www.seattle.gov/audit).**

**Panelists**

**Eric J. Bruns, PhD** is a clinical psychologist and Associate Professor in the Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy, University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Bruns spends most of his time researching the impact of community-based services and supports for children with complex needs, and asking how we can make these services better. Much of his research has focused on developing the wraparound process, a widely-implemented care coordination model for children and youth with complex mental health needs. He is also recognized for his research on school mental health services, services for youth in foster care, and family peer-to-peer support services. Dr. Bruns directs the National Wraparound Initiative, as well as the Wraparound Evaluation and Research Team, which develops and disseminates fidelity measures for the wraparound process. He currently is the lead evaluator of Washington State's federally-funded Mental Health Transformation Grant.

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**J. David Hawkins, PhD** is the Endowed Professor of Prevention and Founding Director of the Social Development Research Group, School of Social Work at the University of Washington. His research focuses on understanding and preventing child and adolescent health and behavior problems. He seeks to identify risk and protective factors for health and behavior problems across multiple domains; to understand how these factors interact in the development of healthy behavior and the prevention of problem behaviors. He develops and tests prevention strategies which seek to reduce risk through the enhancement of strengths and protective factors in families, schools, and communities. He is principal investigator of the Seattle Social Development Project, a longitudinal study of 808 Seattle elementary school students who are now 33 years old. This project began in 1981 to test strategies for promoting successful development. He is also principal investigator of the Community Youth Development Study, a randomized field experiment involving 24 communities across seven states testing the effectiveness of the Communities That Care prevention system developed by Hawkins and Richard F. Catalano. He has authored numerous articles and several books as well as prevention programs for parents and families, including *Guiding Good Choices*, *Parents Who Care*, and *Supporting School Success*. His prevention work is guided by the social development model, his theory of human behavior.

<http://depts.washington.edu/ssdp/hawkins.shtml>

**Russell M. Lidman, PhD** is the Director of the Institute of Public Service at Seattle University. He was Director of the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, and later Academic Vice President and Provost of The Evergreen State College. Subsequently, he served as then-Governor Gary Locke's Executive Policy Advisor in Human Services. Immediately prior to joining the Seattle University faculty he was Assistant Commissioner in the Employment Security Department of Washington State. Russ Lidman has worked, conducted research, and published in the areas of welfare reform, human resources, higher education and economic development. He was responsible for the policy design of Washington's WorkFirst welfare reform.

<http://www.seattleu.edu/artsci/publicservice/default.aspx?id=54529>

**Roxanne Lieb, MPA** is the Associate Director of the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, a non-partisan think tank that conducts research at the request of the state legislature. The Institute conducts research on a wide range of public policy topics, including education, criminal justice, health care, social services, and employment. Roxanne has been with the Institute for 20 years, and recently stepped down from the position of Director.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/auth.asp?authid=40>

**Lois Schipper, BSN, MPH** is a program manager at the Seattle/King County Public Health Department County. Since its inception in 2002, Lois has overseen Seattle's Best Beginnings program. Best Beginnings is a Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), an evidenced-based voluntary prevention program that provides nurse home visitation services to low-income, first-time mothers beginning early in pregnancy and continuing through the child's second year. Multi-site randomized controlled trials over a 25-year period have proven statistically that NFP mothers and their children fare significantly better than the control groups. Findings include a 48 percent reduction in child abuse and neglect.

[http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/foodhealth/publichealth/pregnant\\_adolescent.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/foodhealth/publichealth/pregnant_adolescent.htm)

#### **Visiting Scholars from George Mason University's Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy**

**David Weisburd, PhD** is the winner of the 2010 Stockholm Prize in Criminology for a series of experiments showing that intensified police patrol at high crime "hot spots" does not merely push crime around. The findings from this research suggest that crime prevention efforts which target micro-places where much urban crime occurs will reduce crime, and not just displace it.

**Cynthia Lum, PhD** researches primarily in the area of policing. A former patrol officer and detective with the Baltimore City Police Department, she has worked to develop tools for police practitioners to better institutionalize and utilize research of "what works" in policing into their strategic and tactical portfolio. For her work on the influence of race, ethnicity and immigration on police decision making, she was awarded the National Institute of Justice W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship in 2007.

**Charlotte Gill, PhD** has focused her current research on the intersection of law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies, such as probation, and on experiments in restorative justice. Dr. Gill has served for four years as the managing editor of the Campbell Collaboration Crime and Justice Group, an

international network that prepares and disseminates high-quality systematic reviews of crime prevention programs and justice issues.

For more information on topics of interest to the George Mason University researchers, please see these materials:

“Police Science: Toward a New Paradigm,” by Weisburd and Neyroud: <http://1.usa.gov/hkLwoh>

“The Importance of Place in Policing,” by Weisburd, Telep and Braga: <http://bit.ly/hLoSGg>

Geography and Public Safety Bulletin, March 2011: <http://bit.ly/fvQ8hC>

“Addressing Crime and Disorder in Seattle’s ‘Hot Spots’: What Works?” Seattle City Auditor Report: <http://1.usa.gov/gjoFWu>

“Controlling Drug and Disorder Problems: Oakland’s Beat Health Program,” by Mazerolle and Roehl: <http://1.usa.gov/eZggQ2>