

## 2020 Learning Collaborative on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

### About the Presenters

#### Iowa Parents Against Lead – Brenda Music

Brenda Music is the mother of a seriously lead poisoned child and joins us today to share her story and her experiences over the past 17 years and her son's lifelong legacy of dealing with lasting effects of lead poisoning. Brenda Music's story is similar to other families who encounter childhood lead poisoning, but unlike other families, the Music's made it their mission to advocate for more lead poisoning prevention funding and to provide a support network for families looking for answers.

Brenda took action and formed the Iowa Parents Against Lead Poisoning (IPAL) non-profit organization. As founder and President of IPAL Brenda has advocated before the United States Congress, served on the Pew Charitable Fund Committee for Policies to Prevent and Respond to Childhood Lead Exposure, held a seat for the National Center for Healthy Housing steering committee from 2015-2017, and has worked with countless other organizations fighting to eliminate childhood lead poisoning.

#### Blood Lead Testing Clinical Study – Dr. Jason Kessler, Analisa Pearson, Kevin Officer

Kevin Officer has provided childhood lead poisoning prevention services to Iowans for the past 12 years as a certified elevated blood lead inspector and risk assessor working as a Community Health Consultant with the Iowa Department of Public Health. He has also managed the childhood lead program for the past 6 years. As a pioneer in home deconstruction and materials recycling in Iowa, Kevin has been addressing lead-based paint issues in Iowa's housing stock since 1994.

Analisa Pearson has been a public health nurse in Wisconsin and Iowa for over 20 years. She has worked at the city, county, and state level in public health in urban and rural settings. In 2008, Analisa began working for the Iowa Department of Public Health as a statewide coordinator for the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. Analisa is now a Nurse Clinician in the Bureau of Family Health, working in the Child and Adolescent Health program with Title V and Medicaid's Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

Dr. Jason Kessler is a pediatrician and the medical director for Primary Health Care, Inc., a Federally Qualified Health Center serving all people, especially the underserved, in Des Moines, Ames and Marshalltown. Dr. Kessler received his Medical Degree from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and completed his pediatric residency at Tod Children's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. He is a past medical director for the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise and has experience working with managed care companies and in medical education.

### **Making the Connection Between Housing, Hazards, and Health – Jerry Freese**

Jerry Freese holds degrees in Urban Planning and in Public Administration. 20 years working in the residential construction industry, generated an interest in creating healthy, sustainable housing. Jerry worked for 7 years in Toledo, Ohio redeveloping inner city neighborhoods and 5 years in Austin, Texas in urban housing development. Starting in 2005, he managed a lead and healthy homes program in Birmingham, Alabama which lead to his current position with the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, at HUD. Working with the office's deputy director, he developed the newest grant program, Healthy Homes Production grant for Tribal Housing. Freese is now the Healthy Homes Field Representative for Regions 7 and 8.

### **Improving Prevention, Early Screening and Detection of Childhood Lead Poisoning in Primary Care Offices – Dr. Temitope Awelewa and Dr. Elizabeth Cramer**

Dr. Tope Awelewa is a general pediatrician practicing as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for the last 5 years. She has a Master's in Public Health from the University of Minnesota and a year of practicum training at Emory University Department of Preventive Medicine. She has previous experience working in different community settings and has interest in quality improvement, population health and health disparities. She is a member of Iowa EPSDT Team, advocating for quality health care for children enrolled in Medicaid throughout Iowa.

Dr. Elizabeth Cramer is a native Iowan, practicing Family Medicine including obstetrics at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She completed both medical school and residency at the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. Dr Cramer sees patients at the University of Iowa's River Crossing Clinic in Riverside, IA. She has interests in women's health, child foster and adoption medicine, medical informatics and pediatric developmental screening. She sees pediatric developmental screening as an important tool that can help improve the health of children across the state of Iowa.

### **The Impacts of COVID-19 on Lead Poisoning Prevention – Rossany Brugger**

Rossany Brugger has worked for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) since November of 2007. She has served as an EBL/Lead Inspector Risk Assessor for the counties assigned to the department, including the Hispanic family cases. She is also the Coordinator of the School Lead Testing and the Lead Training Providers Programs. Rossany manages a monthly Spanish radio health program at two radio stations and a monthly health Spanish article at a magazine, both in Des Moines Iowa.