

## Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) and MDRC recognize the sensitivity of the Design Options for Home Visiting Evaluation (DOHVE) project and the need to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest. The DOHVE project, led by MDRC, is a collaboration with Johns Hopkins University, James Bell Associates (JBA), Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and expert consultants. Many of the project staff have worked with one or more home visiting models and one or more states planning to implement the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. ACF OPRE has examined their roles in prior evaluations and their associations with particular programs. They have concluded that the team represents a balance of perspectives and that each individual brings important expertise that will benefit the overall project. The staff have disclosed any past or current relationships below. The staff agree to disclose any potential conflicts in any presentations, materials, or other communications, as appropriate.

- Anne Duggan (Johns Hopkins) has studied Healthy Families America (HFA) extensively — in Alaska, Hawaii, Maryland, and New Jersey — and is now also studying Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Parents as Teachers (PAT) in New Jersey. She was also involved in adopting and studying elements of Healthy Steps in a single site in Maryland and has studied other “home grown” home visiting models that might be considered “promising programs” in the MIECHV legislation. In none of these cases has the research been funded by HFA, PAT or NFP model developers; in all cases she was an independent evaluator. Her home visiting research in Hawaii was supported by research grants from National Institutes of Health (NIH), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and national foundations; a collaborative agreement with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and contracts with the Hawaii State Department of Health. Her research in Alaska was supported by a research grant from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Her research in Maryland was supported by the Family League of Baltimore City and United Way of Central Maryland. Her work in New Jersey is supported by a contract with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. She has been a home visiting research consultant to Every Child Succeeds and to the California Wellness Foundation.
- Deanna Gomby (Deanna Gomby Consulting) has conducted or been involved in funding several cross-cutting evidence reviews and the Sweet & Appelbaum (2004) meta-analysis of national home visiting programs, the Home Visiting Forum (a learning community including six major program models), evaluations of PAT, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW), and Hawaii's Healthy Start, as well as quality improvement work for PAT, HFA, and NFP. She has conducted site visits and written case studies of PAT and The Parent Child Home Program (PCHP) program sites; consulted to HFA to assist with a proposal to support their state/regional technical assistance system; was prior chair of the HIPPY Research Advisory Group; was consultant for James Bell Associates (JBA) on its implementation evaluation of NFP in Florida; and has consulted to promising state and local home visiting programs (Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP of Roanoke Valley, Virginia; Birth and Beyond in Sacramento, California).
- Jill Filene (JBA) is conducting a meta-analysis, funded by Pew Charitable Trusts, to identify effective components of home visiting programs. She is currently providing evaluation technical assistance to three grantees that are implementing nurse home visiting programs (both the grantees and technical assistance are funded by ACF). She directed the national cross-site

evaluation of Family Connections (funded by ACF) and the implementation evaluation of NFP in Palm Beach County (funded by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County). She was involved in the evaluations of NFP in Denver, Hampton Healthy Families, and Healthy Steps (North Carolina). While at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), she provided technical assistance to Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) in South Carolina and to the Oklahoma Health Science Center's statewide implementation of SafeCare.

- Phaedra Corso (University of Georgia) sat on the scientific advisory committee for Healthy Families (HF) Georgia. She volunteered for the First Steps program and was involved in one pilot research study with HF Georgia. She has had one consulting contract with Prevent Child Abuse America. While at CDC, Corso provided technical assistance to Triple P in South Carolina and to the Oklahoma Health Science Center's statewide implementation of SafeCare. While at University of Georgia, she provided technical assistance to the National Training Center for SafeCare and Project SafeCare at University of Kansas, and she is currently funded on two research studies involving the implementation of SafeCare in Georgia. Corso has also been funded by JBA, through the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) at the Department of Health and Human Services, on research involving the Family Connections program. She has provided technical assistance to the University of Kansas on the Play and Learning Strategies (PALS) program and to Mathematica on their cross-site evaluation of the ACF/OCAN home visiting programs.
- Susan Zaid (JBA), as lead evaluator with DePelchin Children's Center in Texas, has been involved in the program designs and evaluations of the Family Connections-Dickinson and the Healthy Solutions-Triple P programs in Texas. Both projects were part of a national cross-site evaluation and were supported by the ACF. She has worked with cross-site evaluation teams and participated on the Evaluation Advisory Group for the Family Connections program. With JBA, she has also provided technical assistance to NFP sites with support from the Children's Bureau.
- Robert T. Ammerman (Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center), as Scientific Director for the Every Child Succeeds program in Ohio (Help Me Grow) and Kentucky Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) Program, has overseen quality improvement processes for HFA, NFP, and PAT programs that operate as part of the Every Child Succeeds program. He has conducted funded research on enhancing the impact of home visitation across multiple models, in particular the use of motivational interviewing to improve program adherence funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and development of an in-home treatment for depressed mothers in home visitation funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Two DOHVE consultants with more limited time in the project — Jennifer Stavrakos (Public/Private Ventures) and Harriet MacMillan (McMaster University) — have worked most closely with one particular program model, NFP. Stavrakos managed the replication of NFP in a number of states with funding from Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare and the NFP National Service Office. MacMillan is in the process of evaluating an intimate partner violence add-on that is specifically tailored to work with the NFP curriculum and is involved in efforts to evaluate NFP within the Canadian context. MacMillan's research is supported by a grant from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC, to the West Virginia University Injury Control Research Center.