



“Understanding the Impact of the Pandemic on Adolescents and Children”

November 16, 2021

A WCHQ Virtual Assembly

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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One of the most pressing problems brought on by the pandemic is related to ensuring that behavioral health issues can be identified and appropriately treated when children and adolescents present with them.

On November 16, WCHQ will host a webinar that will help clinicians understand the problem and be able to identify appropriate resources. “Understanding the Impact of the Pandemic on Adolescent and Child Health” features speakers from organizations that are familiar with the problem and that offer resources.

11:00 AM - Welcome and Introduction

11:05 AM Voices of WI Students: Learning, Coping and Building Resilience During COVID-19

Sharon E. Belton, PhD

Director, Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service - Research Partners

University of Wisconsin System

[The Voices of Wisconsin Students Project](#) sought to better understand how Wisconsin middle and high school students are coping with school, learning, and life in general during COVID-19 and to understand in more detail the nature of students’ sources of stress and anxiety and their thoughts on what support they need. Equally important was to identify and reinforce examples of students’ success and resiliency.

Dr. Belton will share this information with the audience to help them make more informed decisions about how to support students during these challenging times.

11:35 AM Bringing Youth Perspective to Health Care Quality Improvement

Amy Olejniczak, MS, MPH

PATCH Program Founder & Director

In Wisconsin, [the Providers and Teens Communicating for Health](#) (PATCH) Program has actively been engaging youth in conversations of health care quality since 2010. PATCH Youth are empowered to be a part of adolescent health conversations at community and state levels, providing advice and input on goals and decisions that impact youth. In this session, attendees will learn about the new and expanding PATCH Youth Advocacy Fellowship and will consider ways in which PATCH’s innovative youth engagement strategies might help enhance existing efforts to ensure youth voice is at the center of our work.

12:05 PM A Rapid Transition to Telebehavioral Health Services at Children's Wisconsin

Jenny Walczak, PsyD
Clinical Director of Mental and Behavioral Health
Children's Wisconsin

Kristin Kroll, PhD
Assistant Professor, Medical College of Wisconsin
Pediatric Psychologist, Children's Hospital of Wi

This presentation will discuss the innovative strategies utilized to rapidly transition Children's Wisconsin to provide telebehavioral health services following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emphasis will be placed upon reviewing how mental and behavioral health providers were quickly trained to provide evidence-based telebehavioral health services and the overall feedback of families regarding telebehavioral health visits in comparison to traditional face-to-face visits.

12:35 PM Support for Primary Care: Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation Program

Matt Jandrisevits, PhD
Child & Adolescent Psychologist, Children's Wisconsin
[WI Child Psychiatry Consultation Program](#)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, youth have experienced increased mood and behavioral concerns. The need for mental health support, combined with access burdens caused by lockdowns and extant shortages of mental health providers, have resulted in primary care offices addressing increased pediatric mental health concerns. This presentation describes how the Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation program assists primary care offices to address pediatric mental health issues through guidance, education, and resource provision.

1:00 PM Adjourn

Registration Information

This webinar is a members' only event – there is not a registration fee for WCHQ provider members, annual partners and corporate sponsors. If you have questions, contact [Mary Kay Fahey](#).

Who Should Attend

- Clinical staff who have patient contact (providers, nursing and other patient care staff)
- Quality improvement, managerial, and administrative staff whose work involves promoting staff changes
- Clinicians in pediatric, family medicine and behavioral health practices that work with children and adolescents

About Our Presenters

Sharon E. Belton, Ph.D.

Director, Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service - Research Partners
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As Director of WIPPS Research Partners, Sharon Belton, Ph.D. collaborates with WIPPS staff and UW faculty on projects that provide organizations with research-based analysis, strategic planning, and research design. To date, her projects for WIPPS Research Partners have encompassed areas of health policy and health services, labor economics, and criminal justice. She has expertise in applying social science research methods to a wide range of public policy areas.

Before joining WIPPS Research Partners, she was a senior public policy analyst at the Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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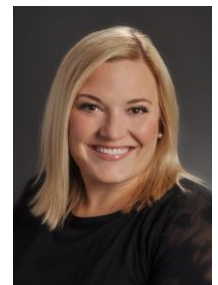
[PATCH](#) Program Founder & Director



As a public health professional and health advocate, Amy dedicates most of her time to ensuring that adolescents can reach their highest health potential. In her role as Associate Director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, Amy founded and directs the Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH) Program. Recognized nationally for her work, Amy was named among the de Beaumont Foundation's 40 under forty in public health inaugural cohort and received the 2019 Vince Hutchins Partnership Award from HRSA.

Jenny Walczak, PsyD

Clinical Director of Mental and Behavioral Health
Children's Wisconsin



Jenny Walczak, PsyD, is Children's Wisconsin's Clinical Director of Mental and Behavioral Health and has background as a Clinical Psychologist. In partnership with the designated medical and administrative leadership, Dr. Walczak is responsible for management and leadership in clinical program development, provider recruitment and retention, clinical outcomes, training and development and implementation of best practices. She is currently the director over the Psychiatry Clinic and is leading the initiative to implement universal mental health screening for all of Children's Wisconsin's patients.

Kristin Kroll, PhD

Assistant Professor, Medical College of Wisconsin
Pediatric Psychologist, Children’s Wisconsin



Kristin Kroll, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of the Medical College of Wisconsin who specializes in working with children and adolescents diagnosed with cardiac concerns. Most of Dr. Kroll’s clinical work focuses upon working with families before, during, and after heart transplant. Dr. Kroll has long been a passionate advocate for the advancement of telehealth services and the majority of her research has focused upon programmatic aspects of providing evidence-based telehealth care for the psychosocial needs of children and adolescents with chronic medical concerns.

Matt Jandrisevits, PhD

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Matthew Jandrisevits, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and a clinical psychologist at Children’s Wisconsin. Within his role at the Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (WI-CPCP), Dr. Jandrisevits provides mental health consultation and education to primary care providers throughout the state. Beyond his clinical duties, Dr. Jandrisevits enjoys teaching, research activities, and community outreach.