



“Why do some kids do well in school, have good family and peer relationships and are free from behavioral and emotional problems even though they live in difficult situations?”

Distinguished Guests Lecture Intervention Programs for Rural African American Families

**Wednesday,
March 25, 3-5 p.m.**

College of Public Health
Auditorium 1023-A
Reception to follow



***The Strong African American Families Program:
Long-term Efficacy and Gene x Environment Interactions***

Gene Brody, PhD

Distinguished Research Professor of Child and Family Development at the University of Georgia and Director of the Center for Family Research



***Reducing Barriers to Risk Preventive Intervention Programs for Rural African Americans Families:
An E-Learning Interactive Delivery Model***

Velma Murry, PhD

Professor of Human Development and Betts Chair, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University

In addition to this presentation, Drs. Brody & Murry will participate in a Community Forum on Thursday, March 26th. See additional flyer or contact Sandra Dwinell for details.

Since 1995, Dr. Gene Brody has served as director of the University of Georgia’s Center for Family Research (CFR). Dr. Velma McBride Murry served as co-director from 1995 until 2008, when she accepted an endowed chair position at Vanderbilt University. Under Brody and Murry’s leadership, CFR implemented two large studies to identify and track the contextual factors that promote healthy development in rural African American families. From their findings, they designed prevention programs to deter adolescents from becoming involved in activities that derail positive development—specifically, alcohol and substance use and early onset sexual activity. The first such intervention, the Strong African American Families program (SAAF) was tested in a randomized prevention trial with more than 600 families. Additional interventions are currently being tested, and will be discussed during their presentations.

Please RSVP to Sandra Dwinell at sdwinell@fmhi.usf.edu or (813) 974-0342 by Monday, March 16th.

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