The Focus on Family and Disability Seminar series is a forum to educate diverse audiences about current issues, policies, research and evidence-based approaches in health, education, and disability to improve outcomes for children with disabilities/special needs and their families. Target audiences includes graduate students, faculty, service providers, community stakeholders, and family members.

LECTURES

2020

September 8  Navigating Special Education In Light of COVID-19  
Sherry H. Thomas, Director, Exceptional Children Division, NC Department of Public Instruction

October 13  Family Support Community of Practice – Charting the LifeCourse  
Kate Barrow, Community Engagement Specialist, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, NC Department of Health and Human Services

November 10  Infant and Early Child Mental Health  
Mary Wise, Bilingual Clinician, Center for Child and Family Health, Duke University

December 8  Finding the Supports You Need – Panel Presentation  
Panelists: Abbie Szymanski, NCCARE 360; Carol Cranford, Family Support Network of North Carolina; Ginger Wilder, Care Management for At Risk Children (CMARC)

2021

January 12  Diversity in Neurodivergence: Girls and Women with Autism  
Caroline Garrett, Clinical Social Worker, Autism Self-Advocate

February 9  Connections Matter: Building Caring Connections to Improve Resiliency  
Taylor McDonald, Partnership Engagement Manager, Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina

March 9  Parenting a Child of Color on the Autism Spectrum  
Danyale Sturdivant, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Parent Advocate

April 13  Supportive Care Needs of Parents and Caregivers of Children who have Rare Diseases  
Sharon King, President, Taylor’s Tale Public Charity and Grassroots Organization

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