ParentCorps: A Community-Based Approach to Promoting Academic and Social Success and Preventing Conduct Problems

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“Early Onset” Pathway to Conduct Disorder

**PRESCHOOL**
- Conduct Problems
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Minor Symptoms of Conduct Disorder

**CHILDHOOD**
- Aggressive & Non-Aggressive Symptoms of Conduct Disorder

**ADOLESCENCE**
- Delinquency & Violence
- Serious Symptoms of Conduct Disorder
Negative Adolescent Outcomes of Preschool Conduct Problems

- Delinquency
- Substance Abuse
- Depression
- Peer Rejection
- Academic Underachievement
- School Dropout
A Social Interaction Learning Model

Contexts

Parenting Practices

Child Outcomes

Social Competence  Conduct Problems
ParentCorps Goals

For all families of preschoolers living in one community:

- strengthen parenting practices
- promote children’s social and academic competence
- prevent conduct problems
Components of Intervention

- Parenting Groups
- Children’s Groups
- Guided Parent-Child Interaction
- Home Visits
- Referral and Linkage (as needed)
Reducing Barriers

- Engagement
- Participation
- Satisfaction
Implementation Feedback Process

- Develop Collaborative Partnership
- Adapt for Contexts & Culture
- Train Interventionists
- Evaluate Fidelity & Implementation
- Conduct Randomized Experiments
- Make Sustainable

Adapted from M. Forgatch (2001).
Collaborative Partnerships

Harlem, NYC

• Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families
• Community Advisory Board
• P.S. 207
• Parent REPs
• Parent Participants
Adapt for Culture and Context to Reduce Barriers

- Program marketing
- Program delivery
- Program materials
Parent REPs

Parents from the targeted community to serve as:

• Resource
• Educator
• Partner
Parent REP Training

- Scientific basis and program rationale
- Child development
- Parenting practices
- In-home service delivery
- Paraprofessional role
- Ongoing evaluation
Responsibilities of Parent REPs

Represent ParentCorps
Market ParentCorps
Recruit Parents
Co-lead Parenting Groups
Co-lead Children’s Groups

Co-lead Home Visits
Advocate & Support Parents
Identify Resources
Facilitate Referrals
Assist with Assessment
ParentCorps Materials for Families

- ParentCorps Press
  - Newsletter for Parents by Parents
- Program Brochures
- Home Assignments and Handouts
- Parenting Workbook
- Resource Guide
- ParentCorps Video
Program Evaluation

- Study 1: Open Trial (n=16)
- Study 2: Open Trial (n=19)
- Study 3: Controlled Pilot Study
- Study 4: Large-Scale Effectiveness Trial