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**Strengthening Family Engagement:
Family Therapeutic Intervention Skills in Work with
Children and Adolescents**

The Department is pleased to bring three experienced clinical educators from the Mercer University Marriage and Family Therapy Program for the Family Engagement training as well as the Family Liaison with the Child and Adolescent Infrastructure Grant Project.

Steve Livingston, Ph.D., LMFT, is currently serving as Director and Associate Professor for Mercer University School of Medicine's Family Therapy Masters programs in Atlanta and Macon. He has served in the past as the coordinator of the doctoral program in marriage and family counseling at Barry University's Adrian Dominican School of Education-Counseling Department in Orlando. Dr. Livingston served on the Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Board and previously served as President of the Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He received his Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Florida State University in 1989 and holds licensure in Georgia and Florida as a Marriage and Family Therapist. His clinical experiences include ten years in community mental health, serving as supervisor of Crisis Services for a regional mental health center, clinical director of a regional hospice organization, clinical director of the statewide Impaired Educator Recovery Network Program for the Florida Department of Education and twenty years in private practice in Florida and Georgia serving couples, families and individuals.

Mellonie Hayes, Ph.D., LMFT, is Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Mercer University School of Medicine. She received a B.S degree in Psychology from the State University of West Georgia and a Master's Degree in Family Therapy from Mercer University, the same program in which she teaches today, and a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Florida State University. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of Georgia, who has been working with families, couples, and individuals for over 8 years. Dr. Hayes has a varied clinical background with strong roots in community mental health and work with adoptive and foster families in Georgia and Florida.

Robyn Mowery, Ph.D., LMFT, is Assistant Professor and Clinical Director in the Marriage and Family Therapy program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Mercer University School of Medicine at the Atlanta/Piedmont campus. She received her Ph.D. in Child and Family Development from the University of Georgia in 2004 with an area of specialization in personal and professional ethical decision-making. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor for AAMFT. With nearly 20 years of clinical experience, Dr. Mowery has worked with a wide variety of challenges faced by individuals, couples and families across the lifespan. This includes therapy with severely abused and neglected children/teens in residential treatment and therapeutic foster care and their families, as well as work with foster and adoptive families, and birth parents facing unplanned pregnancies.

Dana McCrary is the Family Liaison with the Georgia KidsNet Child and Adolescent Infrastructure Grant Project (CASIG). This project was designed to rebuild the way in which services are delivered to families with children who have Serious Emotional Disorder (SED). Dana also brings her life experience of being a parent of a youth with Behavioral Health challenges as well as the voices of the many families she has had the privilege to support through partnerships with DeKalb Family Policy Council, Youth Matters, and the DeKalb Juvenile Justice Drug Court Program. Each of these programs support families through training, advocacy, and coordination of services. Dana enjoys advocating for youth and families and loves being a part of more successful outcomes.