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Speaker Series

This series brings local, regional, and national experts together to discuss important themes, research, and cutting-edge early childhood topics, and provide unique context on their place in the Memphis community.

FEBRUARY 24 | 1-3 P.M.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Chandra Ghosh Ippen

Dr. Ghosh Ippen is an internationally known speaker on children’s mental health and trauma and accomplished author. She is the Associate Director of the Child Trauma Research Program at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and Director of Dissemination and Implementation for Child-Parent Psychotherapy.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Dr. Ghosh Ippen will highlight the importance of children’s mental health and share culturally relevant trauma-informed strategies to support young children.

Local Guest Panelists:

Dr. Mindy Kronenberg, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Kronenberg specializes in infant mental health. She was a founding board member of the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN) and currently serves as AIMHiTN’s West Tennessee Regional Lead.

Alicia Norman, Pre-K Principal & Early Childhood Consultant

Alicia Norman is Principal of Shelby County Schools Pre-K Head Start Covington Pike and an early childhood education consultant. She has worked 20+ years in early childhood education and serves on the CPAC Advisory Council for SCS Pre-K.

Kimberly Thomas, Director of Parents as Teachers - Porter-Leath

Kimberly Thomas has 20+ years of experience in early childhood education, elementary education, post-graduate education, and evidence-based home visitation. Prior to Porter-Leath, she worked 10 years with Shelby County Schools.

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