

**TASK FORCE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL  
NEEDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**SEP 2011  
10:00-3:00**

- 10:00-10:10**                      **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- Marian F. Earls, MD, FAAP**  
Medical Director  
Guilford Child Health, Inc.
- Beth Melcher, PhD**  
Assistant Secretary for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
Substance Abuse Services Development  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- John Thorp, MD**  
Division Director and Distinguished Professor  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UNC Health Care
- 10:10-11:10**                      **DESCRIPTION OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OF TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOLERS**
- Melissa Johnson, PhD  
Pediatric Psychologist  
WakeMed Health and Hospital
- 11:10-12:00**                      **EXISTING SYSTEMS AND SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR  
FAMILIES**
- Emily McClure and Rachel Williams, MPH  
Research Assistants, NC Institute of Medicine
- 12:00-12:30**                      **LUNCH**
- 12:30-1:45**                      **MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR TODDLERS AND PRE-SCHOOLERS: HOW IS A  
CHILD MOVED FROM EARLY IDENTIFICATION TO DIAGNOSIS AND REFERRAL?**
- Laura E. Muse, MS, NCC, LPC**  
Clinical Services Coordinator  
Alamance Alliance for Children and Families
- Gary Ander**  
Project Director  
Alamance County Department of Social Services
- 1:45-3:00**                      **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Berkeley Yorkery, MPP**  
Project Director  
North Carolina Institute of Medicine