

## Promoting Healthy Child Development: Lessons from 12 Years of ABCD

**An Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) Alumni Webinar  
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**December 3, 2012  
1:30 – 3:00 pm Eastern**

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### Agenda

Since 2000, the Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) program has helped 27 states create models of service delivery and financing for early child development services, particularly for children covered by Medicaid. During this webinar, Melinda Abrams of The Commonwealth Fund will describe the national effect of ABCD on policy and practice. Speakers from Minnesota and North Carolina will share lessons from their work on screening, referral, care coordination and policy changes to sustain and spread healthy child development. Webinar participants will have a chance to share their own lessons and describe the legacy of ABCD in their states during a facilitated discussion following the presentations. This Alumni webinar is based on a conference session that took place at NASHP's 25th Annual State Health Policy Conference this past October.

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<b>1:30 – 1:40 pm</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Carrie Hanlon</b>, Program Manager, National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)</p>
<b>1:40 – 1:55 pm</b>	<p><b>Promoting Healthy Child Development: Lessons from 12 Years of ABCD</b></p> <p>Melinda Abrams of The Commonwealth Fund, which has supported the ABCD initiative for the past 12 years, will discuss the history of the work and some lessons learned from the various iterations of the project. For a primer of the different versions of ABCD please visit: <a href="http://nashp.org/abcd-history">http://nashp.org/abcd-history</a>.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Melinda Abrams, MS</b>, Vice-President, Patient-Centered Coordinated Care, The Commonwealth Fund</p>
<b>1:55 – 2:05 pm</b>	<p><b>The North Carolina ABCD Project: 2000 – Present</b></p> <p>In this session Dr. Marian Earls will discuss the challenges facing North Carolina prior to the beginning of ABCD work, how the state targeted its interventions, and how the state has sustained its work beyond the project period. Dr. Earls will also share results and successes from the project. For more information on North Carolina's ABCD work please visit: <a href="http://www.nashp.org/abcd-state/north-carolina">http://www.nashp.org/abcd-state/north-carolina</a>.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>Marian F. Earls, M.D., FAAP</b>, Lead Pediatric Consultant, Community Care of North Carolina</p>

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<b>2:05 – 2:25 pm</b>	<b>ABCD in Minnesota: 2003 – 2012</b>  In this session Glenace Edwall will speak about Minnesota's involvement in three ABCD initiatives: ABCD II, the ABCD Screening Academy, and ABCD III. Ms. Edwall will discuss the innovations and lessons learned by Minnesota through its participation in each of these projects. For more information about Minnesota's ABCD work please visit: <a href="http://www.nashp.org/abcd-state/minnesota">http://www.nashp.org/abcd-state/minnesota</a> .  <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Glenace Edwall, Psy.D, Ph.D, MPP</b> , Director, Children's Mental Health Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services.
<b>2:25 – 2:55 pm</b>	<b>Facilitated Discussion</b>  At this time webinar participants will have the opportunity to participate in a facilitated discussion. We encourage ABCD Alumni to come prepared to share updates and lessons learned from ABCD work in their states, including responses to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What has been the impact of ABCD in your state?</li><li>• What have been your state's most impactful or promising ABCD improvement strategies?</li><li>• In thinking about your healthy child development work, where do you see the next phase of ABCD going?</li><li>• What work remains to be done?</li></ul> <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Carrie Hanlon, NASHP</b>
<b>2:55 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Wrap Up</b>