

Dr. Fulda Completes Research Brief

The latest PCRI Research Brief has been completed, published and ready for distribution in July, 2010. This Brief is entitled: ***The Unmet Needs of Children with Special Health Care Needs*** and was prepared by Rachael Jackson, MPH, Associate Director for Center for Community Health and Sarah Barraza, Graduate Student Assistant, Center for Community Health. Dr. Kimberly piloted the Brief with contributions from Kristine Lykens, PhD; Karan Singh, PhD, Sejong Bae, PhD, Katandria Johnson, MA, Kristen Hahn, MPH, and Roberto Cardarelli, DO, MPH.

Dr. Fulda details in the Brief the premise that children with special health care needs (CSHCN) are a unique population with a variety of needs and under our current system of care, both nationally and at the state level, many of those needs are unmet. She surmises that changes in health care systems, including increasing the number of doctors and nurses providing care to CSHCN and improving access to a medical home, as well as changes in public policy, such as increasing reimbursement rates and decreasing eligibility requirements for Medicaid/SCHIP, can help to alleviate the burden of the conditions experienced by CSHCN. The Brief will be distributed early in September and will be posted to the PCRI website at http://www.hsc.unt.edu/pcri/research_pubs.htm

Quote:

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies".

-- Mother Teresa

Dr. Kitzman Publishes Two Articles

Dr. Heather Kitzman-Ulrich, Assistant Professor, UNT Health Science Center, Family Medicine Department has announced the publication of two separate articles recently.

The first was accepted by *Health Psychology* and is currently in press. Co-authors include Wilson, H.; VanHorn, M.L.; and Lawman, H. The article is entitled: ***The relationship of body mass index and psychosocial factors on physical activity in underserved adolescent males and females.***

The second, co-authored by Wilson, D.K. is also currently in press by *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review* and entitled: ***The integration of a family systems approach for understanding youth obesity, physical activity, and dietary programs.***