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Tuesday, January 28, 10:00 A.M.
Legislative Office Building, Room 1D

Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks**
Christine Garber, Reach Out and Read Connecticut Executive Director
State Senator Dante Bartolomeo, Co-Chair, Committee on Children
State Representative Diana Urban, Co-Chair, Committee on Children
- 10:05 a.m. Books and Brain Development in Infants and Young Children**
Dipesh Navsaria, MPH, MSLIS, MD, FAAP
- 10:30 a.m. The Reach Out and Read Model, Using Books in the Exam Room**
Cathy Wiley, MD, FAAP
- 10:45 a.m. Wrap Up and Q&A**
Christine Garber
Dipesh Navsaria, MPH, MSLIS, MD, FAAP
Cynthia Roque, MD
Cathy Wiley, MD, FAAP

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Speaker Biographies

Christine Garber, MBA, Executive Director, Reach Out and Read Connecticut

As the Connecticut Executive Director, Christine Garber provides leadership and coordination of all Reach Out and Read programs across the state. Garber oversees training activities; book buying and delivery; public relations and communications to raise awareness; and technical assistance. She also works with our National staff to create and implement a long-term development strategy in order to sustain and grow our programs. Prior to working at Reach Out and Read, Garber worked as an Employee Benefits Underwriter with CIGNA Healthcare and Oxford Health Plans. Garber also worked at Yale School of Medicine in their Finance Department. Garber has a Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's of Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dipesh Navsaria, MPH, MSLIS, MD, FAAP

**Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Pediatrician, Access Community Health Center, Madison, Wisconsin**

Dr. Navsaria is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. He practices primary care pediatrics at Access Community Health Center. He is also the founder and director of the Pediatric Early Literacy Projects at the University of Wisconsin, and is the founding medical director of Reach Out and Read Wisconsin. Most recently, he has been named the director of the MD-MPH program at the University of Wisconsin. He completed a Master's in Public Health at Boston University and Physician Assistant training at The George Washington University in the District of Columbia. He attended medical school at the University of Illinois in Urbana. During his time there, he also completed a master's degree in library and information science at the University of Illinois, focusing on children's librarianship. He then completed his residency in pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics.

Catherine Wiley, MD, FAAP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Chief, Division of General Pediatrics, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Medical Director, Primary Care Center, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Dr. Wiley completed her undergraduate and medical school education at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Following Pediatric Residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, she became an attending physician in the faculty practice at CHOP, until returning home to Connecticut for the opening of Connecticut Children's Medical Center. She has practiced as a general pediatrician in the Primary Care Center since 1996. Currently she serves as Medical Director of the Center, and is Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of General Pediatrics at the University Of Connecticut School Of Medicine. Dr. Wiley is the founding medical director of Reach Out and Read Connecticut. In 2008, she received a Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics in recognition of her advocacy efforts to promote early childhood literacy in Connecticut. Her other special interests include health literacy, immunizations and medical education.

Cynthia Roque, MD

Dr. Roque received her Bachelors in Science from Columbia University of New York, graduated from the University Of Connecticut School Of Medicine and received her Pediatric Residency Training at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, University of Connecticut Pediatric Residency Program. She is a Board Certified Pediatrician currently practicing at the Pediatric Associates of Connecticut, P.C., in Waterbury as a Community Pediatrician. She also sits on the Connecticut Advisory Board for Reach Out and Read Connecticut.