

# Women, Pregnancy and Drug Use:

Medical Facts, Practical Responses and the Well-Being of Children and Families

This forum will be held on

**November 14, 2007**

From 4-6 pm at the

## Presbyterian Health Foundation Conference Center

655 Research Parkway, Suite 100

NE 8th Street and Lincoln Boulevard <http://www.phfcc.com/directions.htm>

Recently, in *State v. Hernandez*, the state prosecuted an Oklahoma City woman for murder after suffering a stillbirth and testing positive for methamphetamine — despite a lack of medical evidence connecting the two events and the disapproval of local and national medical and public health associations and individuals. Hear renowned local and national experts in the fields of medicine and social work separate myth from fact regarding drug use and pregnancy, discuss the implications of the case for the health and well-being of Oklahoma's women and babies, and map out strategies for effective and appropriate responses to addiction and pregnancy.

### Schedule of Events

**4:00-4:30 Barry Lester, PhD**, Director of the Brown University Center for Study of Children at Risk, Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, and Professor of Pediatrics, will provide the latest information regarding the effect of maternal substance abuse.

**4:30-6:00 Carol Mason, PhD**, Associate Professor of English and Women's Studies at OSU, will moderate a forum (to be followed by a Q&A session) with the following panelists:

- **Barry Lester, PhD** (see above for credentials)
- **Dana Stone, OB/GYN, MD**, practices Obstetrics & Gynecology in OKC and serves as the Oklahoma state representative to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
- **Eli Reshef, OB/GYN, MD**, practices Obstetrics and Gynecology in OKC, specializes in Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility, and serves as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.
- **Martha Kendall Holmes, MSW, LCSW**, serves as Executive Director for the National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter. Social Workers named her National Social Worker of the Year in 1999. She previously directed the Oklahoma Infant Transition Program at OUHSC for sixteen years and served eight years as social worker in the Neonatal ICU at Children's Hospital.
- **William Yarborough, MD, FACP**, teaches as an Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Internal Medicine Clinics at the OU College of Medicine-Tulsa and serves as the Medical Director of 12 & 12 Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation, Inc.
- **Mary Barr**, Executive Director of Conexions, lectures around the country on drugs, addiction, substance abuse, the drug war, prison, and her experiences with the criminal justice system.

### Local Sponsors Include

- Drew Edmondson, Oklahoma State Attorney General
- Oklahoma County Medical Society
- Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Oklahoma Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition
- Oklahoma Nurses Association
- Oklahoma State Medical Association
- National Association of Social Workers, OK Chapter (2 hrs. Continuing Ed. Credit)