# Early Experiences and Mental Health: A Public Health Perspective

### Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

Monday, May 6, 2013; 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Central Time) 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Eastern) =10:00-11:30 a.m. (Mountain) =9:00-10:30 a.m. (Pacific)



Why are early experiences so important from the perspective of human brain development? Program faculty will attempt to answer this question by reviewing brain development and the role of experiences, as well as consider evidence for sensitive periods in behavioral development. The crucial role of caregiving relationships in typical development and in recovery from adversity will be emphasized. Examples of universal, indicated and selected interventions documented to enhance development will also be given.

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## Program Objectives:

- 1. Define experience expectant and experience dependent development.
- 2. State the difference between sensitive periods in brain and in behavioral development.
- 3. Illustrate evidenced-based interventions that are universal, indicated, and selected for changing young children's developmental trajectories.

## Conference Details:

Target Audience: Social workers, nurses, school counselors, public health educators, pediatricians,

psychologists, psychiatrists, anyone working in a mental health setting

**Continuing Education:** None for this program **Registration:** Available at www.adph.org/alphtn

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