“Nothing About Us Without Us”
A UN Family Skills Program Led by Culturally Representative Teams of Parents and Practitioners

Wednesday March 30th
Maryland Room
Marie Mount Hall
12:00-1:30 PM
Brown Bag Lunch

Professor Lynn McDonald
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The FAST (Families and Schools Together) approach, a community based, universal parenting program using multi-family groups co-led by parents and practitioners has had a recognized track record for high retention rates among parents from marginalized groups.

Professor Lynn McDonald will share stories about resistance encountered in maintaining the core program component of team composition: the trained implementation team must be culturally representative of the local community in terms of race, ethnicity, culture, class, and ‘lived experience’ of being a parent of a young child in that community.