

## **Dr. Deborah Daro, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago**



Dr. Deborah Daro, Senior Research Fellow with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, is considered one of the nation's leading experts in the area of child abuse prevention policy and early home visiting research. Her current work focuses on the unique and pivotal role early intervention programs, such as home visiting programs, can play in strengthening parental capacity across diverse populations, enhancing child development and keeping children safe. Most recently, Dr. Daro's research and writing have focused on developing reform strategies that embed individualized, targeted prevention efforts within more universal efforts to alter normative standards and community context.

Dr. Daro developed and currently chairs the Doris Duke Fellowships for the Promotion of Child Well-Being, funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Trust. In this capacity, she oversees a network of over 100 young scholars from across the country that represents a diverse array of disciplines and research interests. A primary focus of the fellowship is assisting these young scholars in translating their academic research into relevant policy and practice reforms.

Dr. Daro has completed dozens of multi-site evaluations over the past 40 years that have incorporated a range of research designs including both randomized clinical trials and various quasi-experimental designs. More recently, her work has been guided by the growing realization among program evaluators, implementation scientists and policy makers that a new balance is needed between effectiveness and efficacy studies when investing in program research to guide broad scale replication of evidence based program models. She has served on multiple national advisory boards and has received numerous awards for her contribution to the field of child abuse prevention.

Dr. Daro holds a BA in communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana and a Masters in City and Regional Planning and Ph.D. in social welfare from the University of California at Berkeley.

**Dr. Daro was the first keynote speaker at Prevent Child Abuse Arizona's first Child Abuse PREVENTION Conference.**