

## **The Family Intervention Science Listserv**

Division 43 of The American Psychological Association

Dear Colleagues,

Division 43 of the American Psychological Association is launching a listserv for those interested in sharing and learning about family and parent intervention science.

We at Division 43 know that everyone doing intervention research with children, adolescents, and even young adults, has thought about, if not tried, incorporating parents into the intervention protocols. Some of us might be doing child focused intervention with an adjunct parent support or psychoeducational component. Others might be family therapy researchers who begin with the family as the primary unit of intervention. Regardless of our perspective, we all struggle with many of the same clinical and research challenges: engagement, consent, measurement, analytics, cultural adaptation, and which parent/family processes to focus on and how.

In addition, we know that family/parent investigators explore a wide range of disorders such as substance use, delinquency, depression, suicide, anxiety, ADHD, psychosis, autism; and a wide range of challenges such as chronic illness, adoption, and aging. We also work in multiple settings such as residential, inpatient, outpatient, schools, medical settings, and military bases. Finally, we are multidisciplinary, being trained as psychologists, social workers, family therapists, and psychiatrists, and interventionists of every stripe.

Whereas this is a rich and diverse area of research, lamentably, we are often isolated in the silos of our expertise and discipline. Division 43 would like to change that.

This listserv aims to address this problem by providing a common ground where we can share our work and learn from each other. We hope people will use this Listserv to post abstracts of new papers (e.g., in press), notices about newly initiated research, announcements about family intervention research training opportunities, and to ask questions about research design, measurement, diversity and or analytics. We even welcome abstract posting of older, yet seminal

work that still can inform the field, or important papers published in your field that have cross discipline relevance.

We encourage contributions about prevention, intervention, treatment development (qualitative and empirical), clinical trials, process research, implementation and dissemination science, and related social policy. This listserv would not be a good fit for discussion about general clinical matters that can be taken up in other venues. Instead, we would encourage participants to focus their comments and posts on the science of family intervention and the development, dissemination, and training of empirically supported treatments. Division 43 hopes this will be a multidisciplinary group with representation across APA and from family therapy, social work and psychiatry, and any group engaged in this work.

Below is a link to become a member of the listserv to which you can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time. I, and the full Board of Division 43, welcome your input and sharing of relevant research activities, and look forward to getting to know you and your work better.

<https://groups.google.com/a/guydiamond.net/g/family-intervention-science>

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Guy Diamond".

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