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Help Me Grow Comes to Colorado: Linking Children and Families to Programs and Services

Paul H. Dworkin, MD
Executive Vice President for Community Child Health
Connecticut Children's Medical Center

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12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Children's Hospital Colorado
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Mt. Oxford Auditorium
William K. Frankenburg, M.D.

An internationally recognized pioneer in the field of child development and pediatric preventative care, Dr. William Frankenburg developed the Denver Development Screening Test with Josiah Dodds, PhD, in 1973, to encourage early identification of children with developmental problems by health professionals, as well as professionals in education and social services. Released as the Denver II in 1992, it has been adapted for use throughout the world.

Dr. Frankenburg received his M.D. from Temple University (1957) and completed a residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and a fellowship in Child Development and Psychosocial Aspects of Pediatrics at Yale University Medical School. In 1964, he joined the faculty of the University of Colorado Medical School in the department of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine. He served as Director of the John F. Kennedy Child Development Center from 1977 to 1985. In 1987, he earned an M.S. in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1991, he was awarded the distinction of professor emeritus from the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. Frankenburg served as a consultant to UNICEF, the World Health Organization and governments and institutions around the world. He authored numerous publications and was the recipient of the 1974 US Senior Science Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, a Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1986, and the 1992 C. Anderson Aldrich Award in Child Development.

Paul Dworkin, M.D.

Paul Dworkin is Executive Vice President for Community Health at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and professor of pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. For the past 15 years, he served as physician-in-chief at Connecticut Children's and chair of the Department of Pediatrics of the UConn School of Medicine. He has authored more than 175 publications in the fields of developmental-behavioral pediatrics and general pediatrics.

In 1988, Dr. Dworkin was Visiting Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Paediatrics, University of Oxford and also Visiting Scholar of Green College in Oxford. In 2003, Dr. Dworkin received the prestigious C. Anderson Aldrich Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics in recognition of achievement in the field of child development. His vision led to the creation of Help Me Grow, a Connecticut statewide initiative to promote the early detection of children at risk for developmental and behavioral problems and their linkage to programs and services that is currently being replicated in 19 states with support from The Commonwealth Fund and the WK Kellogg Foundation. He was the editor of the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics from 1997-2002.

Dr. Dworkin received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed a pediatric residency and fellowship in ambulatory pediatrics with a special emphasis on developmental and behavioral issues at Boston Children's Hospital. He recently earned a certificate in policy analysis from the University of North Dakota.