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THE CHILD STUDY CENTER'S 2026 LOIS BLOOM LECTURE

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"The Development of a Tiered Intervention Approach to Promote Early Relational Health and Child Development"

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To address the heterogeneity of strengths and risks for parents of children from low-income, predominantly minoritized backgrounds, this talk will describe the development of strategies for supporting early parent-child relational health and subsequent child development. I will begin by describing the theory and a first stab at implementing a tiered model from the Smart Beginnings program, offered to families from low-income, minoritized families with children 0–3 years of age in New York City and Pittsburgh. Building on this work, Shaw will describe a larger-scale version of this tiered implementation approach, The Pittsburgh Study, reporting on the study's design, selection and engagement rates, and initial outcome findings. Findings from both trials will be discussed in relation to developing similar tiered programs in other communities.

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