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### **FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**Peter A. Gorski, M.D., M.P.A.**



Dr. Gorski is Professor of Pediatrics and Humanities, Health & Society at Florida International University, Professor of Public Health, Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the University of South Florida, Professor of Public Health, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Past President of the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health. From 2011-2016, he served as the Chief Community Health, Child Development and Innovation Officer at the Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County. From 2006-2011, Dr. Gorski was Director of Research and Innovation at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County in Tampa, Florida. From 2003-2006, Dr. Gorski served as the Director of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies at USF.

Dr. Gorski previously served as President of WellChild, a non-profit children's health foundation in Boston, Massachusetts, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and a member of the LeadBoston Community Board of the National Conference for Community and Justice. Originally trained in Pediatrics and Child Development at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Gorski's career service includes posts as Director of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco, Division Head of Behavioral and Developmental Pediatrics at the Evanston Hospital and Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, Director of Developmental Pediatric Research and Training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and Director of Professional Education at the Brazelton Institute of Boston Children's Hospital.

In July 2009, Dr. Gorski was elected to the American Academy of Pediatrics Executive Committee of the Council on Community Pediatrics and in 2015, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the AAP Council on School Health. He was appointed by then-Governor Jeb Bush to Florida's Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives. In October 2007, Dr. Gorski was appointed by the Florida Chief Advocate for Children in





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the Office of Governor Charlie Crist to the Governor's Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory Council. Dr. Gorski was President of the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics in 1995-1996. He was Chairperson of the American Academy of Pediatrics National Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption and Dependent Care from 2000-2003. He has served elected terms on the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, the Board of Directors of the National Perinatal Foundation, and the Massachusetts Department of Education Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education, the Board of Directors of the International Association for Infant Mental Health, the Executive Council of the Society for Behavioral Pediatrics, and the Executive Committee of the International Society for Infant Studies. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Allegany Franciscan Ministries. Other memberships include fellowship in the American Academy of Pediatrics, Society for Research in Child Development, the World Association for Infant Mental Health, and the International Making Cities Livable Association.

Dr. Gorski serves on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*. He completed a term on the Editorial Board of the *Infant Mental Health Journal*. Dr. Gorski served on the National Commission on the Prevention of Black Infant Mortality at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC. He has a broad and active commitment to public service, having served on boards of community agencies, school districts and child advocacy foundations. For the past forty years, Dr. Gorski has devoted his career to training health professionals and community advocates to meet their unique opportunities to support optimal processes of child and family development. He has authored fifty peer-reviewed publications on infant and early childhood behavior and development, relationships and early brain development, social determinants of health and community health. In January 2017, Dr. Gorski published his first collection of essays and poems titled "*Openings: Essays and Poems 2006-2016: Along the Bumpy Road to Happiness, Health and the Relationships that Form Us.*" His current research and advocacy apply principles of equity, justice and human rights to local and national conditions, practices, and policies toward promoting comprehensive, early systems of support for healthy child, family and community development.

