

# **MEN'S HEALTH NETWORK in collaboration with the Congressional Men's Health Caucus**

*Congressmen Markwayne Mullin (OK) and Donald Payne, Jr. (NJ) (Co-Chairs)*

## **Briefing:**

### **Men's and Boys' Mental Health Issues: Gateways to Opioid and Drug Abuse?**

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## **Agenda**

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#### **I. Opening Remarks**

- Ana Fadich, MPH, CHES – Introduction  
*Vice President, Men's Health Network, Chair, APHA Men's Health Caucus*
- Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. (Confirmed), *Tenth District, New Jersey*
- Congressman Markwayne Mullin (Invited), *Second District, Oklahoma*

#### **II. Speakers**

- Eric Murphy, PhD  
*Program Chief  
Depression and Suicide Related Behaviors Program, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)*
- Wizdom Powell, PhD, MPH, MS  
*Director  
Health Disparities Institute, University of Connecticut*
- Gregory Tau, MD, PhD  
*Faculty, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Columbia University Medical Center*
- **Nathaniel Counts, JD**  
***Senior Policy Director  
Mental Health America***

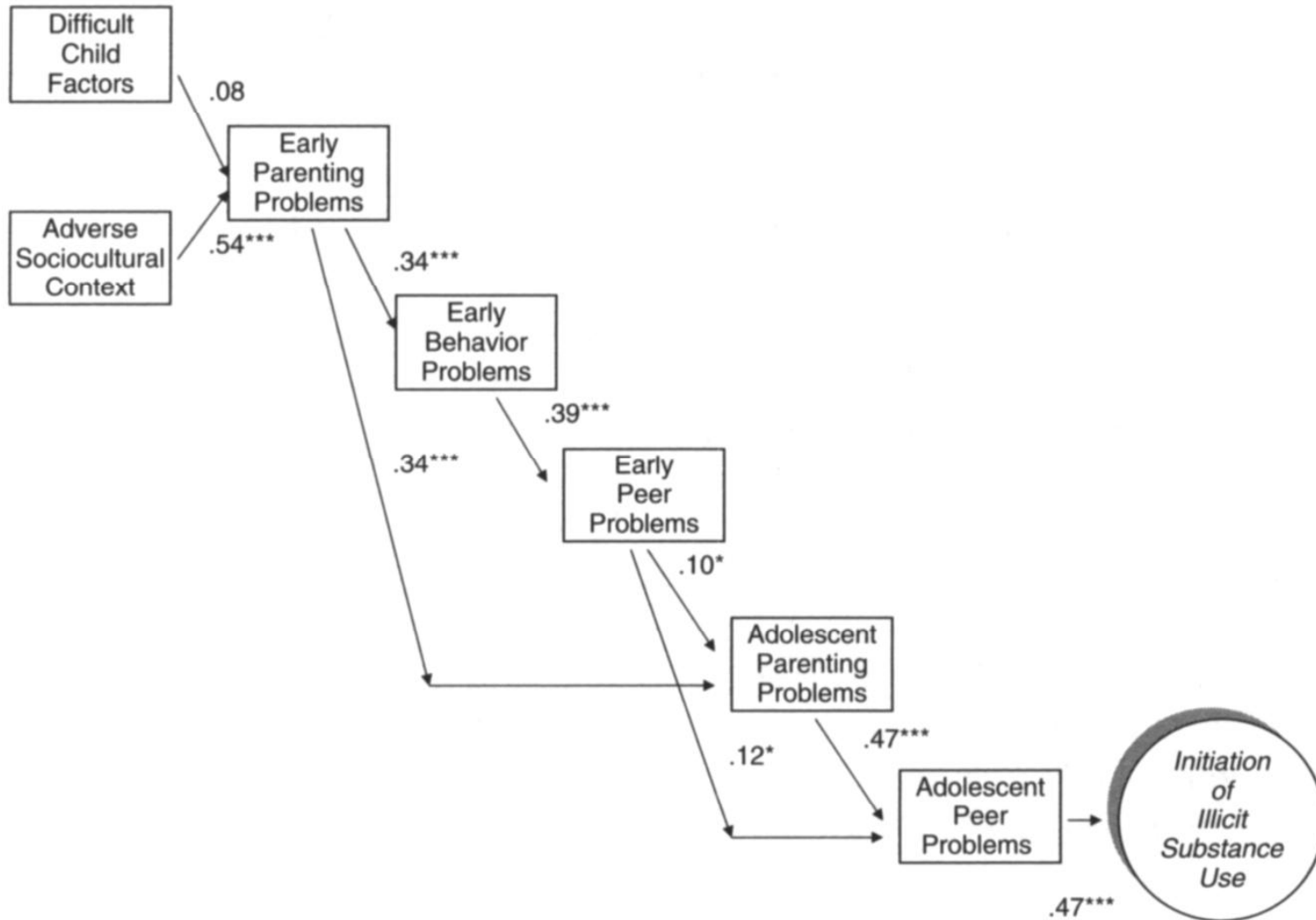


# B4Stage4: Policy to Prevent Opioid Use & Depression

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Dodge KA, Malone PS, Lansford JE, Miller S, Pettit GS, Bates JE. A dynamic cascade model of the development of substance-use onset. *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*. 2009;74(3):vii-119.

# What Does Depression & Suicide Look Like?

- Pretty similar!
- Bi-directional
- Underlying factors



# What Does This Mean for Policy?

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# MIECHV

- Disrupts the cascade at the beginning!
- Time to convert to public/private insurance
- On to new frontiers in supporting families

# EPSDT

- Kids in Medicaid have a right to services needed to screen and treat needs
- Does not include earlier moments in development! Can only catch kids once they're depressed or using substances

# ESSA

- New state flexibility, but what works?
- Opportunities in measurement, professional development, community partnership
- Need help though! Something like Quality Improvement Organization for schools



# CMMI & CHIPRA

- Payment models and quality measurement do very little to disrupt these cascades
- Only payment when condition identified
- Need payment strategies to incentivize intervening earlier!

# Thank you!

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