



Wisconsin Legislative Council Symposia Series on Early Literacy

Week 4: Early Literacy – Birth to Age 3



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Dr. Navsaria is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, as well as director of the MD–MPH program and medical director of the physician assistant program. Clinically, he has practiced primary care pediatrics, with special interest in underserved populations. He is the founding medical director of Reach Out and Read Wisconsin.

Dr. Navsaria will discuss the critical importance of the first thousand days of life and the key role human relationships and interactions play in that time period, along with concepts of toxic stress and how early adversity leads to lifelong issues. The importance of early literacy, along with key concepts about literacy development will be reviewed. The structure and concept behind the Reach Out and Read program (which provides early literacy promotion) will be discussed in this context as a workable approach for busy primary-care medical settings.

How to Join

Virtual session hosted via WebEx

Wednesday, August 26th at 2:00 p.m.

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