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Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Center, Cowles Auditorium,
University of Minnesota, 301 19th Ave S, Minneapolis

or **view live webcast!**

Much work has been done on engaging grandparents and older relatives in preventing and intervening in child abuse and neglect, but little has been explored around the opportunity of engaging non-relative seniors/retirees in meeting the needs of families in the child welfare system. The possibilities and benefits in engaging seniors/older adults, looking to reinvent retirement, with families and children in the child welfare system will be explored. This lecture is intended to challenge leaders and policy makers in the field of child welfare to re-examine how we think about service delivery, community engagement and the intersection of child welfare and retirement from a systemic perspective. Implications for policy and systems change will be explored.

Featured speaker

Dr. David Hopping, PhD, Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Executive Managing Director, Generations of Hope Development Corporation (GHDC)

GHDC envisions enhancing and extending the lives of vulnerable populations by tapping the transformative power of intergenerational community living. GHDC is currently helping to facilitate the development of Generations of Hope Communities—intentional, intergenerational communities organized around a social challenge that utilize older adults as volunteers. These communities are based on the success of Hope Meadows in Rantoul, Illinois. Residents of Hope Meadows belong to one of three groups often at risk of being marginalized in American society — kids caught in the child welfare system, families that adopt children with special behavioral and emotional needs, and retirees who are seeking continued purpose in their daily lives.

Panel discussion

Local experts in the fields of child welfare and aging will share their thoughts on the local perspective on Dr. Hopping's lecture.

Registration

To register, visit cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw.

The Katherine and Arthur Sehlin Lectures are supported by a fund established in 1986 by the Sehlin family to reflect the values expressed by Katherine and Arthur Sehlin in their professional and volunteer activities. The yearly lecture alternates between the Department of Civil Engineering and the School of Social Work.

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