

## Sharon L. Ramey

Dr. Ramey is the Founding Director (with Dr. Craig Ramey) of the Center on Health and Education, and holds the Susan H. Mayer Professorship in Child and Family Studies at Georgetown University. Dr. Ramey's research has focused on the effects of the environment on behavior, including longitudinal studies of the effects of early experience on the development of children "at risk" for mental retardation and school failure; pioneering work on the behavioral effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, nicotine, and cocaine; in-depth studies on the dynamic changes affecting today's American families; observational research on the social ecology of residential and educational settings for individuals with mental retardation; a recent landmark study on the transition to school, including 8000 former Head Start children and families and 3000 other classmates and their families; and an ongoing multi-site study on the prevention of child neglect. Currently, Dr. Ramey leads an interdisciplinary team in conducting randomized controlled trials of an innovative, highly intensive form of rehabilitation (known as Pediatric CI Therapy) for young children with cerebral palsy. She has written more than 175 scientific papers and four books. Dr. Ramey holds a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of Washington.