John Doris was professor emeritus of human development and founding director of the Family Life Development Center (FLDC) in Cornell’s College of Human Ecology. A member of the Cornell faculty since 1963, Doris served as director of the FLDC from its establishment in 1974 until his retirement and appointment as professor emeritus in 1993, though he continued to work on center programs until his death.

Under Doris’ leadership, the FLDC established a Resource Center for Child Abuse and Neglect as well as for Foster Care and Adoption, and the New York State Child Protective Services Training Institute, the first of its kind in the country dedicated to providing basic and advanced training to child protective workers and supervisors.

Four other major programs inaugurated under his leadership of the FLDC continue today and have worldwide impact include: the Residential Child Care Project to prevent abuse and increase the quality of care in residential settings; the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect to ensure that researchers have access to federally funded research data; the Internet-based Child Abuse Prevention Network, a worldwide resource to apply information technology to child abuse prevention; and the Military Projects, to prevent child maltreatment and domestic violence in families connected to the armed forces and help family members prepare for the stress of deployment.

Doris also directed the center while it was instrumental in developing the private, nonprofit New York State Federation of Task Forces on Child Abuse and Neglect. The largest advocacy organization for maltreated children in New York state, the federation, now known as Prevent Child Abuse New York, is affiliated with the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Doris graduated magna cum laude from the College of the City of New York and earned a Ph.D. in child clinical psychology from Yale University. From 1958 to 1963, he was chief psychologist in the Yale Child Study Center and an assistant professor in Yale’s department of psychology before he joined the Cornell faculty where he served terms as director of the graduate program and associate chair and was an active and dedicated mentor of many graduate students (as well as newly hired faculty), introducing a graduate curriculum around individual testing and assessment and directing graduate training in psychopathology.
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Dr. Botvin is also Director of Weill Cornell Medical College's Institute for Prevention Research. The mission of the Institute is to promote physical and mental health, and reduce premature death and disability by focusing on the behavioral risk factors associated with many of the major public health problems. Dr. Botvin has served on numerous expert panels and advisory committees for federal agencies such as the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Cancer Institute, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Education, and the White House Office on Drug Control Policy. Additional information about Dr. Botvin can be found at:

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John Eckenrode, Ph.D., Director, FLDC

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