

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 ✦ 8 am - 4:30 pm

Trauma-Informed Care: The Impact of Trauma on Brain Development and What to Do About it

Dr. Bruce Perry from The ChildTrauma Academy and Dr. Stuart Ablon from Think:Kids at Massachusetts General Hospital will come together to make complicated neurodevelopmental concepts accessible and provide a practical evidence-based process for trauma-informed intervention that all adults can follow in any setting. Specifically, Dr. Perry and Dr. Ablon will integrate The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) and Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS). Participants will learn an overview of both of these approaches and practical examples of strategies for their integrated implementation. The conference will build on several years of collaboration between Dr. Perry and Dr. Ablon to combine the models in practical clinical application. The conference is intended both for those new to NMT and/or CPS or those skilled in their application.

Presenters: Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D. is the Senior Fellow of The ChildTrauma Academy, a not-for-profit organization based in Houston (www.ChildTrauma.org) and adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago. Dr. Perry is the author, with Maia Szalavitz, of *The Boy Who Was Raised As A Dog*, a bestselling book based on his work with maltreated children and *Born For Love: Why Empathy is Essential and Endangered*. Over the last thirty years, Dr. Perry has been an active teacher, clinician and researcher in children's mental health and the neurosciences, holding a variety of academic positions. Dr. Perry is the author of over 500 journal articles, book chapters and scientific proceedings and is the recipient of numerous professional awards and honors.



J. Stuart Ablon, Ph.D. is Director of Think:Kids in the Department of Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) where he specializes in the treatment of explosive, inflexible, easily frustrated children and adolescents and their families. He is also Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ablon is co-author of *Treating Explosive Kids: The Collaborative Problem Solving Approach* and author of numerous articles, chapters and scientific papers on the process and outcome of psychosocial interventions. Dr. Ablon trains parents, educators, and clinicians and consults to schools and treatment programs throughout the world in the Collaborative Problem Solving approach. Dr. Ablon was recently ranked #5 on the list of the world's top rated keynote speakers in the academic arena.

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