

Politics, Policies, and Practice: Symposium on Strengthening Children and Their Families

Thursday, June 29, 2017

12:30 PM – 5:30 PM



Building a Trauma-Informed Community: Caring for our Children and Their Families

In Virginia, several communities are focusing on trauma-informed services that help to reduce rates of childhood abuse and neglect; homelessness; economic insecurity; violence; school drop-out; incarceration; and drug abuse. In this session we will learn the motivation and strategies of the first U.S. city, Tarpon Springs, Florida, to adopt the trauma-informed community model and how that effort has improved outcomes for children and families. We will also hear what is being done to influence better outcomes in Virginia communities using this model. And, because this year our Virginia General Assembly passed resolutions to support and endorse this work, we will hear more about what Virginia's General Assembly intends to do to promote this model so that our communities are safer and healthier for children and their families.

<https://acestoohigh.com/2012/02/13/tarpon-springs-may-be-first-trauma-informed-city-in-u-s/>



The Opioid Crisis: Protecting our Children

The rising use of opioids in our country is being felt by our families and our children. Children are being removed from these dangerous situations and with this come reunification and permanency challenges. In this session, we will learn how kinship and foster care are impacted by this crisis and what our researchers, policy-makers, and program administrators are planning for the protection of our children.

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2016/10/07/drug-addiction-epidemic-creates-crisis-in-foster-care>



Identifying and Parenting Children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

It is hard to fathom how many children we care for in our homes have been impacted by fetal alcohol syndrome and what the best strategies may be for parenting these children. National expert, Kathleen Mitchell, MPH, will share the skills needed to identify if your child is impacted by FAS and the parenting tips for raising a child with FAS. You will be amazed when you see the data and learn the scope of FAS in our communities.

<https://www.nofas.org>

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6:00 PM Laughing through the Pain: Comic Relief for the Whole Family...*Claudia Fletcher, author*

6:30 PM Dinner and a Movie

Friday, June 30, 2017

8:30 AM Take Charge...*Jesse Funk, Author (for youth and adults)*

10:15 AM See Differently, Do Differently, Get Better Results...*Patricia C. Brooks, Author*

12:00 PM Family Lunch on your Own

1:30 PM Workshops

1-A Resilience: A Film Screening and Discussion

1-B Medicaid and Foster Care

1-C Protecting your Child in a Social Media World

1-D Foster Care Goes to School: Understanding Education and Foster Care in Virginia Schools

301-E Family Ties: Normalcy, Family Engagement, and Family Assessment

3:15 PM Workshops

1-F Parenting Tips Preventing and Intervening Bullying

1-G Medicaid and Managed Care

1-H Medication Management Strategies

1-I Special Education 101: The Basics and Beyond

1-J Financial Policies: VEMAT, Clothing Allowance, Adoption Assistance

6:30 PM BBQ and Pool Party with S-mores

Saturday, July 1, 2017

8:30 Youth Panel: What Matters to Us and Why (for youth and adults)

10:00 The Connected Child: Trauma Impact on Attachment...*Patrick Neff, Patrick Henry Family Services*

11:15 Workshops

2-A First Take Care of YOU! Compassion Fatigue and Secondary Trauma

- 2-B Wise-Up: How to Talk about Adoption
- 2-C Medicaid Waivers: The Who, what, when, where, and how
- 2-D Educational Survival Strategies: Learning from Experienced Parents & Caregivers
- 2-E On the Horizon: Central Intake, Kinship Initiatives, Medicaid Auto Enrollment

12:45 PM Family Lunch on Your Own

2:00 PM Workshops

- 2-F Why Do They Do That and How Do I Make It Stop?
- 2-F The Impact of Media Violence on Children
- 2-G Mental Health First Aid
- 2-H Funding Post-Secondary Education & Training

4:00 PM Bus Leaves for King's Dominion

8:30 Talent Show and Dance Party

Sunday, July 2, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast and Awards Program

9:30 AM "We Belong Together" Closing Program

NOTE: Parents are invited to enjoy the Wellness and Relaxation Suite throughout the adult training times.

Child and Youth Programming

Thursday, June 29, 2017

- 12:30 -5:45 0-13 years in Camp activities with Conference Child Care Provider
14 + years in workshops hosted by Project LIFE
- 6:30 PM Family Dinner

Friday, June 30, 2017

- 8:15 – 12:00 0-13 years in Camp activities with Conference Child Care Provider
14 + years in workshops hosted by Project LIFE
- 12:00 PM Family Lunch on Your Own
- 1:15 PM 0-13 years in Camp activities with Conference Child Care Provider
14+ years in workshops hosted by Project LIFE
- 6:15 PM Family BBQ and Pool Party with S'mores**

Saturday, July 1, 2017

- 8:30 AM 0-13 years in Camp activities with Conference Child Care Provider
- 9:45 AM 0-13 years in Camp activities with Conference Child Care Provider
14 + years in workshops hosted by Project LIFE
- YMCA Morning for 5-12 years old (an additional cost of \$5 per child)**
- 12:45 PM Family Lunch on Your Own
- 1:45 PM 0-13 years in Camp activities with Conference Child Care Provider
14 + years in workshops hosted by Project LIFE
- 4:00 PM King's Dominion Family Trip**
- 8:30 PM Talent Show and DJ Dance Party**

Sunday, July 2, 2017

- 8:00 AM Family Breakfast and Closing Program**