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\*30th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse\*

\*/Stop The Harm Before It Starts/\*

Registration Open

January 25-26, 2016

Westin Dallas Park Central Hotel

Dallas, TX

Presented by

\*Registration\*

<<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/nextconference.html>>

is now open for 30th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse. To take advantage of the Early-Bird discount rate, you must register before December 25, 2015, at

<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/nextconference.html>

\*Download or View the Conference Program here\*

<<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/pdf/30thprogram.pdf>>

for complete program brochure.

\*About the Conference\*\*\*

The Conference is designed to offer quality training and information on topics and model programs of interest to leaders in child abuse prevention: social workers, counselors, educators, child care and youth workers, law enforcement personnel, medical & legal professionals, foster parents, child welfare board volunteers, elected officials, and other interested child advocates. Participants may attend their choice of a variety of workshops on child abuse and neglect prevention and educational programs or may select workshops for specialized training credits and professional development.

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\*Reserve Your Housing at the Westin Dallas Park Central Hotel\*\*\*

The Westin Dallas Park Central will serve as the 30th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse hotel. Located at:

12720 Merit Dr.

Dallas, TX 75251.

Make your hotel reservations now - call 1-888-627-7032 and identify the Conference for special rates good through January 24, 2016. If you would like to register online, please go to:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1506251433&key=26091055>

Conference Rate: \$107.00 for single and \$145.00 for double occupancy rates under a block of rooms reserved for the Prevent Child Abuse Texas Conference. Only a limited number of rooms are available at the conference rate so reserve early!

### \*Sponsorship and Exhibiting Opportunities\*\*\*

Convey your commitment to children! Please support the 30th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse. Depending on support level, benefits include complimentary meeting registrations and acknowledgement.

Businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to bring products, materials and services to the attention of those attending the Conference. For information or to reserve a table, visit our web site at

<http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/pdf/30th-exhibitor-form.pdf>

or email \*[Conferences@preventchildabusetexas.org](mailto:Conferences@preventchildabusetexas.org)\*

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. Deadline is December 31, 2015. Space is limited!

YOU CAN ALSO CUT AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION

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### INTRODUCTIONS

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Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Perry is the Senior Fellow of The ChildTrauma Academy, a not-for-profit organization based in Houston, TX and adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University 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*. His most recent multimedia book, *BRIEF: Reflections on Childhood, Trauma and Society* was released in 2013. 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.

Hon. Cheryl Lee Shannon has been a District Judge in Dallas County for the past thirteen years, presiding over the 305th District Court hearing juvenile matters, child abuse and neglect cases and a myriad of matters relating to parental termination/adoption issues. She was formerly an Associate Judge in Dallas County for both the 304th and 305th District Courts and held this position for four years before being elected to the Bench. Judge Shannon graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Political Science in 1979 and from the University of Houston Law Center in 1982. Upon completion of Law School she worked in various areas of the legal profession including real estate, corporate and family law.

Darlene Ellison's gripping personal story forms the foundation of her High Touch Alliances and Betrayal Recovery concepts that she uses to inspire and compel audiences into changing their own lives. Her charmed life as wife, mother, philanthropist and successful businesswoman spiraled out of control when she learned that the man to whom she had been married for over 10 years, and with whom she had children, was arrested as part of an FBI sting operation. He was revealed to be a long-time sexual predator of young boys both in the United States and other countries.

/Commissioner John J. Specia, Jr. is a distinguished jurist and attorney with broad experience in civil law and special expertise in

family law, foster care, and Child Protective Services cases. He became DFPS Commissioner on December 1, 2012. Specia's career has been dedicated to public service for more than three decades and is defined by his commitment to children and preventing child abuse. He was a founding member and jurist in residence for the Texas Supreme Court Children's Commission. Specia established the Bexar County Children's Court, which provides specialized services for children as well as the Family Drug Treatment Court, which became a model for the state. He was vice-chair of the Supreme Court's Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families and chair of the Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care./

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