

CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN CONFERENCE
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9th Annual CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN Conference



Abilene Civic Center
1100 N. 6th
March 28, 2008
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Brian** **“Bydeeman”** **Joseph**

Brian Joseph, started painting at the tender age of 33 in 1986. He created his own style based on the fictitious Bydee People and thus he is called the **By-deeman**. His paintings are as colorful as they are happy. His art focuses on education and promotes diversity. He is an artist, poet and motivational speaker. He has four published books: *Color Me Bydee*, *Happy Calypso Clowns*, *People Come In All Colors* and *Worlds of Bydee*. Some of his commissions have been for Auburn Univ., Texas A&M Univ., the National Alliance of Black School Educators, National Education Agency and National Asso. of Social Workers. Over the years Brian has received numerous awards and honors, most recently in 2004 the TNOYS Spirit of Giving Award and the Austin Links Honoree of Community Arts Award 2004. Brian is a self-taught artist and he has a BA in Sociology and Anthropology from Tougaloo College and a MA in Urban Studies from Trinity Univ.

Special Event

Brian “Bydeeman” Joseph will be speaking to area 5th & 6th grade students. He uses an art demonstration to get the attention of children to promote the main goal of self-esteem building. Central to the concept of the Bydee People is that more colors equal more happiness. The multitude of colors are then the building blocks to develop good self-esteem.

CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN GOAL

*TO ENERGIZE AND MOBILIZE PEOPLE
TO PUT INTO ACTION IDEAS THAT
WILL BENEFIT CHILDREN IN OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY*

TARGET AUDIENCE: Social Workers, Law Enforcement Officers, Counselors, Child-Care Providers, Educators, Parents, Community Members, Students, Young Adults, as well as Staff, Volunteers, and Board Members of youth and family-serving organizations

Hampton Inn

To receive special conference hotel rates, reservations must be made by February 29, 2008. For the \$85.00 rate you receive a room with 2 queen double beds. Identify yourself as a Champion for Children conference attendee for this rate. The hotel has free parking and complimentary breakfast.

Champion for Children Award Luncheon

Awards presentation recognizing community members who have been Champions for Children in the areas of: Agency, Business, Education, Faith-Based community, Law Enforcement, Media, Medical, Service Learning and Volunteer Leadership. If you would like to nominate someone who has demonstrated characteristics of being a Champion for our Abilene or surrounding area youth, please go to:

<http://www.newhorizonsinc.com/familyconnections.htm>

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00—8:30 Registration

8:30—11:30: Session I

A) Educating Children In Homeless Situations, Jeanne Stamp, LCSW, LMFT, LCDC , Senior Program Coordinator, Texas Homeless Education Project. Understand laws pertaining to the education of children & youth in homeless situations. Gain knowledge in identifying, making appropriate referrals to and/or providing required services to this population.

B) Dr Jekyll & Mr. Hyde: Recognizing the Secret Language of Child Predators and Uncloaking Online Child Predators, Jan Wagner, Founder Yello Dyno. Part I-Recognize the Eight Red Flags for identifying a child molester & discover the Seven Secrets for keeping children safe from seduction and abduction. Plus, how to teach children to recognize dangerous situations and respond correctly to ensure their safety. Part II-Learn to recognize child predators in their hidden life online. Understand the 3 problems with the internet that are creating child predators and how we are giving them free access to our children, plus the latest research and method on how to teach children to recognize dangerous situations and respond correctly to ensure their own safety.

C) Case Study: David Penton, Gary Sweet, Detective, Garland Police Dept. and Bruce Bradshaw, Chief, Comanche Police Dept Workshop will provide a discussion of the case of David Penton, a man responsible for multiple child murders. In 2005 Penton was convicted of the 1985 abduction and murder of 5 year old Christi Meeks, as well as the murders of two additional Dallas area children. The presenters will detail how these cases were connected to the suspect after so many years.

11:45—1:15: Champion for Children Award Luncheon — Keynote Speaker: Artist Brian “Bydeeman” Joseph

1:15—2:45: Session II

D) Drop It Like It’s Hot: A Look into Current Hip Hop, Kristen Guillory, Ph. D. MSSW Fortress Youth Development Center. Hip Hop is the most listened to type of music for youth. Common themes in music are violence, sex, alcohol, & drugs. By using power point and sound bites meaning of words and phrases will be explored including a discussion on how adults can address this with youth.

E) Avoiding Burnout with At Risk Families, John Taylor, MMFT, LPC, ADC, SAP, Treatment Director, New Horizons. The average person who works with at risk families will last 1-3 years. The number of those that continue to work in the field while feeling burned out is most likely even higher. However, there are those who flourish in this field and continue on feeling and working with affection, effectiveness, and zeal. We will go over the habits and skills needed to continue in this field in order to not lose heart and keep that fire burning that inspires one to give the help that is so desperately needed.

F) Case Study: Willie Atkins, Brandon Birmingham, Deputy Chief, Misdemeanor Division Dallas County District Attorney’s Office. Review of a case investigation and prosecution involving a defendant who over the course of 6 years videotaped himself engaging in sexual conduct with approximately 130 young men, exposing 105 to HIV. Issues include developing a biographical background of defendants, working with “imperfect” & uncooperative victims, charging decisions, and admissibility of extraneous offenses/prior bad acts.

3:00 - 4:30: Session III

G) Born Learning, Dusty Garrison, Community Education Director, United Way of Abilene. Children are learning constantly, right from birth. What they learn during those first five years depends on the experiences they have each and every day. Born Learning is built on three cornerstones: awareness, education, and action. It is necessary for parents & caregivers to realize the opportunities available each day to teach their children valuable lessons, without having to change their routine. Born Learning takes early learning research and translates it into activities and educational tools for parents and caregivers.

H) Family Addictive Cycles, John Taylor, MMFT, LPC, ADC, SAP, Treatment Director, New Horizons. “Why don’t they just stop?” This is a look at why people fall into the addictive cycle and why it makes sense that they “can’t just stop”. We also look at proven ways to break the addictive cycle as well as preventative measures that can preclude addictions from taking hold.

I) Case Study: Candy Wiggins Harris, Mandy Griffith , Assistant District Attorney and Debbie Rule, Investigator, Dallas County District Attorney’s Office This presentation will provide a review of the investigation and prosecution of a woman who was victimized as a child and then later sexually abused her own biological child, and encouraged her spouse to join her in the abuse. The issues that will be examined include the use of experts at trial, dealing with the stress of an extremely traumatized and emotionally-damaged child witness, and the difficulties in prosecuting a previous victim of sexual abuse.

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Registration Form

WORKSHOP SELECTION—Please indicate Choices:

SESSION I

- ☐ Educating Children in Homeless Situations
☐ Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde: Child Predators
☐ Case Study: David Penton

SESSION II

- ☐ Drop It Like It's Hot: A Look into Current Hip Hop
☐ Avoiding Burnout with At-Risk Families
☐ Case Study: Willie Atkins

SESSION III

- ☐ Born Learning
☐ Family Addictive Cycles
☐ Case Study: Candy Wiggins Harris

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TJPC Training Hours	no fee
Luncheon Only	15.00
Lunch Table (10 seats)	125.00

Amount Due: _____
(luncheon seating limited – must register in advance)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 18, 2008
Late registration fee \$10.00

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