

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

*MARCH 19-20, 2012
WESTIN GALLERIA HOUSTON
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THE STARFISH FLINGER

As the old man walked the beach at dawn,
he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up
starfish and flinging them into the sea.

Finally catching up with the youth, he asked him why
he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded
starfish would die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles and there are
millions of starfish," countered the other.
"How can your effort make any difference?"

The young man looked at the starfish in his
hand and then threw it to safety in the waves.

"It makes a difference to this one," he said
from poet & author Loren Eiseley



Presented by

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE TEXAS

In Cooperation With

Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

State Child Fatality Review Team Committee

Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards

Texas Department of State Health Services

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A statewide conference 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.

CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY – MARCH 19

8:00 REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

9:00 WELCOME - OPENING

Christopher S. Greeley, MD, FAAP,
Prevent Child Abuse Texas Board Member

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Randell Alexander, MD, PhD,
“The Impact of Abuse and Neglect on the Developing
Brain”**

10:15 - BREAK

10:30 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION I

12:00 - LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

**12:00 – Randell Alexander, MD, PhD (Special
Luncheon, additional cost)**

**12:00 – Christopher S. Greeley, MD, FAAP (Special
Luncheon, additional cost)**

1:30 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION II

3:00 - BREAK

3:15 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION III

INTRODUCTIONS

Randell Alexander, MD, PhD

Statewide Medical Director, Child Protection Team, Children’s Medical Services Professor and Chief, Division of Child Protection and Forensic Pediatrics University of Florida. Dr. Alexander, clinical Professor, Pediatrics, at the University of Florida, College of Medicine is on the International Advisory Board for the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome, has been on the Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect for the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the boards of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and Prevent Child Abuse America. Randy has served on state child death review committees in Iowa and Georgia. He has been actively involved in child abuse prevention nationally.

Sandra Alexander, M.Ed.

Sandra is a recognized national leader, strategic thinker, and innovator in child abuse prevention with over 40 years of experience including CPS casework and supervision, developing child abuse prevention programs, training, technical assistance and consultation, and 18 years of nonprofit management experience. Previously served as Executive Director of 2 state-wide non-profit child abuse prevention organizations and currently is an Expert Consultant in child maltreatment prevention in the Division of Violence Prevention at the CDC. She is a past board president of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of children (APSAC) and former chair and current prevention advocate for the Fulton County (Atlanta) Child Fatality Review Committee.

Darlene Ellison, M.S.

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, 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. Engulfed by a very public situation that left her emotionally paralyzed, Darlene made the choice to not just survive, but thrive! She overcame the humiliation, anger and fear to turn her experience into one that could help others.

TUESDAY – MARCH 20

8:00 - GENERAL SESSION

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Sandra Alexander, M.Ed., “The
Past, Present and Future of Child Maltreatment
Prevention”**

9:00 - BREAK

9:15 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION IV

10:45 - BREAK

11:00 - WORKSHOPS - SESSION V

12:30 CLOSING LUNCHEON

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Darlene Ellison, M.S. “The
Predator Next Door”**

**Christopher S. Greeley, MD, FAAP – Blue Ribbon Task
Force**

2:30 CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

Workshops

To assist you with your selections, we have identified workshops of particular interest to certain groups with the abbreviations and icons below:

SW- Social Workers
GA- General Audience
HS- Head Start / Early Childhood Dev.
LPC- Counselors
ED- Educators
CPS- Child Protective Workers
HF- Healthy Families/Home Visitation
AD- Administrators
TCCWB – Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards
ICAC – Internet Crimes Against Children
CFRT – Texas Child Fatality Review Team

- Advanced Sessions
- Intermediate Sessions
- * Basic Sessions

MONDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 A.M. - General Session
Randell Alexander, MD, PhD:
“The Impact of Abuse and Neglect on the Developing Brain.”

10:30 A.M. - Session I

1. Sugar & Spice: The Media's Role in the Sexualized Images of Girls. This presentation will examine the sexualization of girls via the media. Professionals will be able to define sexualization and discuss strategies to protect the emotional, mental & physical health of girls. *David Miller, M.Ed.*, Urban Leadership Institute, Baltimore
SW, LPC, HS *

- 2. Gangs in Our Communities “A Pipeline from Family to Abuse”.** Gangs are widespread and adversely affect the quality of life within our communities with violence, drugs and associated criminal activity. This presentation will focus on, graffiti, street language, tattoos, and new trends of gang involvement. In particular, participants will learn how gang members transcend from birth to generational to exploited gang members. *Dwight Stewart*, Texas School Safety Center. San Marcos. **GA ***
- 3. Texas Foster Care Redesign.** This workshop will focus on the current Texas foster care redesign effort and provide up-to-date information on the new model as well as the status of implementation presented by those leading the effort. *David Whiteside, PhD* and *Kaysie Reinhardt*, TX Dept. Family & Protective Services, Austin. **GA, CPS □**
- 4. Stewards of Children, Part 1.** Stewards of Children is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention program that educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. This workshop will engage attendees to not only understand the prevalence of child sexual abuse, but to understand that adults can take proactive steps in their lives and community to prevent child sexual abuse from occurring. *Lindsey Dula* and *Kimberly Rocha*, Alliance for Children, Fort Worth. **GA, ***
- 5. Collaboration at Its Best.** Learn how GTCP interfaces with CWBs and local groups to meet its mission through programs, products and services that benefit abused and neglected children. *Nikkee Espree*, Greater Texas Community Partners, Dallas. **GA, TCCWB ***
- 6. Child Protective Services and African-American Families Affected by Chemical Dependence: Can the Cycle be Broken?** The workshop will explore the issue of Child Protective Services (CPS) investigating, providing services, and/or legally intervening with African-American families affected by chemical dependency. The workshop will attempt to answer the question: Can the cycle be broken? *Milton Ayala*, TDFPS, Austin. **GA, CPS ***
- 7. Ten Pitfalls of Parenting & Seven Keys to Successful Child-Adult Relationships.** Engage 10 common pitfalls to avoid in adult/child relationships. Explore 7 action steps to overcome pitfalls and build successful child - to - parent/adult relationships. *Sheldon Barr*, Region 4 ESC, Houston. **GA, ED, HF ***
- 8. Protecting Children Online.** Workshop attendees will learn about the risks to kids online, resources available, and several case studies involving online child victims will be reviewed. *Mike Hartman*, Ft. Bend County District Attorney's Office, Richmond and *Lt. Matthew Gray*, Pasadena ISD Police Dept. Pasadena. **GA, ICAC ***
- 9. Drug Endangered Children.** This presentation focuses on the risks children exposed to drug environments face and the way multidisciplinary collaboration can help rescue, defend, shelter and support them. *Justin Mazzeo*, Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, Dallas. **GA, CPS ***
- 10. Child Abuse and the Bystander Effect: Promoting Social Awareness.** Child Abuse is often unreported. This presentation will address and discuss interventions to allow individuals to appropriately respond when the presence of child abuse is suspected. *Judith Howard Beechler, PhD.*, LPCS, NCC and *Rosalind Strickland*, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls. **LPC, ED ***

11. **Child Fatality Review Team Tune-Up.** Over 70 Texas multidisciplinary teams convene to review child deaths and conduct prevention activities based on the review data. Doing reviews well is a challenge. Learn more about engaging the right team members, accessing records, managing team dynamics and bias, and other challenges facing CFRT. *Susan Rodriguez*, Texas Dept. State Health Services, Austin. **CFRT** □

12:00 - Lunch on Your Own

12:00 – **Randell Alexander, MD, PhD.** (Special Luncheon, additional cost)

12:00 – **Christopher Greeley, MD, FAAP.** (Special Luncheon, additional cost)

1:30 P.M. - Session II

12. **Crimes against Children on the Internet - Rescuing Them from the Darkness.** Will provide information on how children become victims on the internet and strategies and techniques needed to work with victims of Internet crimes, i.e. child pornography & child prostitution. *Beth Alberts, Robert Stabe, Shannon Davis and Matt Gray*, Texas Center for the Missing, Frisco. **All Groups** *
13. **Ethical Issues in Preventing Child Abuse, Part 1.** When working with children, youth and families, many ethical issues arise. During this interactive workshop, participants will process and learn to communicate through ethical dilemmas. *TBA.* **SW, GA, LPC** □
14. **Stewards of Children, Part 2.** See 4 above.
15. **Legislation Impacting Child Welfare: 82nd Legislative Session.** What happened during the 82nd Legislative Session? TexProtects and Texans Care for Children will provide an overview of legislation and funding impacting children that have been abused and neglected. *Diana Martinez*, TexProtects and *Ashley Harris*, Texans Care for Children. Austin. **GA, TCCWB** □
16. **Child Abuse: A National Epidemic. Part 1.** Sgt. Bill Davis will discuss crimes against our children and families. He will talk about physical abuse, wound identification, physical neglect, emotional abuse, and sexual predators and how child abuse and domestic violence intermingle. *Bill Davis, (Retired)*, Beaumont Police Department, Beaumont. **GA** *
17. **Understanding Our Child Victims: Healing and the Traumatized Brain, Part 1.** The workshop will present how abuse and trauma affect the healthy brain development and functioning in children and how it will affect them later as youth and adults. Service providers and law enforcement will learn what behaviors might manifest in victimized children and will be shown what they can do immediately and in the long-term to help those victimized children & youth. *Diane Vines*, The Children's Assessment Center, Houston. **GA, LPC, ED, CPS, HS, HF** *
18. **Cyberbullying and Sexting - Prevention & Response, Part 1.** If you are seeking guidance regarding how to address and reduce cyberbullying and sexting in your schools and communities, this workshop is a must-attend! *Reggie Cajayon*. Texas School Safety Center. San Marcos. **GA** *
19. **Outside the Box: Working with Families who have Experienced Adverse Early Childhood Experiences, Part 1.** This workshop will focus on understanding how early childhood adverse experiences impact the developing brain, specifically as it relates to the parents that we work with, the relationships that we form, and the ways in which we interact to motivate change. *Kate Whitaker*, Prevent Child Abuse America, Tucson, AZ. **HF**, □
20. **Fast Scan / Computer Forensics, Part 1.** This course is a 3 hour course that will teach a computer forensic previewing tool that is available to Law Enforcement for no cost. The student will be shown the tool applications, and a demo of the tool. Students taking course are encouraged to bring a work laptop computer. Computer knowledge of the student should be at the intermediate level. *Sgt. Gary Spurger, Det. Nathan Gates and Inv. Tuan Pham* - **Law Enforcement Only, ICAC.** □
21. **Disruptive Behaviors: Transforming the Negative into Positive.** Disruptive behaviors interrupt the learning process. Learn new strategy to overcome disruptive behaviors and transform the negative into positive outcomes for teachers, students and parents. *Barbara Fountain*, Lifeline Family Enrichment, Austin. **SW, GA, LPC, ED, HS** *
22. **Interdiction for the Protection of Children.** Workshop attendees will gain an awareness of resources, the need for training, and interdiction techniques that will allow them to make a confident decision to begin an investigation or begin collecting information. Lastly, the presenter will share actual examples of cases involving runaways, child pornography and human trafficking that were discovered using interdiction techniques. *Sgt. Derek Prestridge*, Texas Dept. of Public Safety. Austin. **CPS, AD, CFRT** *

3:00 P.M. - Break

3:15 P.M. - Session III

23. **Ethical Issues in Preventing Child Abuse, Part 2.** See 13 above.



24. **Effects of Alcoholism / Addiction upon Children, Families and Adult Children of Alcoholics.** Workshop will offer participants perspective on the clinical implications, family dynamics and stressors that result from growing up with an alcoholic / addict. Related topics of discussion include; family roles, codependency, dysfunctional family roles, appropriate coping skills and a 12 step approach to recovery. *Kathleen Gleason, LPC*, Boerne Counseling & Consulting Svc. Boerne. **GA, ED.** *
25. **Do Something Positive! Effectively Advocating for Abused and Neglected Children.** Accomplish legislative outcomes for vulnerable children through coordinated community efforts. Learn an advocacy framework that can be used by all organizations and individuals. *Madeline McClure and Diana Martinez*, TexProtects, Dallas. **GA, TCCWB** □
26. **Child Abuse: A National Epidemic. Part 2.** See 16 above.
27. **Understanding Our Child Victims: Healing and the Traumatized Brain, Part 2.** See 17 above.
28. **Cyberbullying and Sexting - Prevention & Response, Part 2.** See 18 above.
29. **Outside the Box: Working with Families who have Experienced Adverse Early Childhood Experiences, Part 2.** See 19 above.
30. **Fast Scan / Computer Forensics, Part 2.** See 20 above
31. **Taking Care of Those Who Care for Victims: PTSD and Stress Management for Service Professionals.** This presentation will discuss the importance of caring for victim providers and law enforcement personnel so that their work with victims of crime is effective, compassionate and thorough. *Verdi Lethermon, Ph.D.*, Houston Police Department, Houston. **All Groups** *

32. **Childhood Injuries: Is It Abuse?** This presentation will highlight different childhood injuries and physical findings that may be consistent with child abuse. The medical-forensic examination of children with suspicious findings and actual case studies will also be addressed. *Cynthia Garcia, RN, BSN, CA-CP, SANE*, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital. San Antonio. **GA** *
33. **Collecting, Understanding and Using Child Death Data.** Data collection is a critical function of CFRT. Attend this workshop to learn best practices in understanding the Case Report Form, requesting records, extracting information from multiple reports, and understanding and using the data to form team recommendations and to plan prevention activities. *Ryan Beal and Susan Rodriguez*, Texas Dept. of State Health Services. Austin. **CPS, CFRT** □

4:45 – Adjourn

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 A.M. - General Session

Sandra Alexander, M.Ed:

“The Past, Present and Future of Child Maltreatment Prevention”

9:00 A.M. - Break

9:15 A.M. - Session IV

34. **Children, Animals and Empathy: Using Humane Education to Prevent and Intervene in Child Maltreatment.** In light of the link between child maltreatment and animal abuse, humane education uses animal-related activities to detect and intervene early in family violence. *Catherine A. Faver*, University of Texas – Pan American. Edinburg **GA** *
35. **What Makes a Child Welfare Board Successful?** A training for Child Welfare Board members on board functions, duties, support for CPS, fundraising, community awareness, how to keep good people and leadership. *Nancy Preston and V. Danette Cummings*, Texas Council of Child Welfare

Boards, Henderson. **GA, TCCWB** *

36. **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Child Abuse, Part 1.** We will discuss causes, characteristics and challenges of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and implications for a higher risk of abuse and neglect within this population. *Angelo P. Giardino, M.D., Leah Davies and June Villarreal*, Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, Austin. **SW, GA, LPC, HS, HF** *
37. **Trauma and Juvenile Justice, Part 1.** An exploration of different types of trauma ranging from sexual violence, adverse childhood experiences, traumatic brain injury and expulsion from school and the connection to continued involvement in the juvenile justice system. *John Kinsey*, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Austin. **GA, ED** *
38. **Sex and the Law.** This is NOT a sex education program. It is an education presentation where Sgt. Davis discusses Texas criminal and civil laws dealing with teenagers and sex. *Bill Davis, (Retired)*, Beaumont Police Department, Beaumont. **GA** *
39. **Basic Cyber101, Part 1.** The basic Cyber101 course is designed to take the average investigator with little to no knowledge of computers and provide them with the basic foundation of what is computer crime. The course will cover basics of the internet and its makeup along with terminology and historical background. We will also cover the different computer crime laws in the State of Texas and their impact on how an investigator needs to approach a case involving computers. *Sgt. Gary Spurger*, Harris Co. Pct. 4 Constable and *Sgt. J.D. Philpot*, Harris Co. Sheriff's Office. Houston. **GA, ICAC** *

40. **Recognizing the Child Who is Being Commercially Sexually Exploited or Trafficked. Part 1.** This presentation will focus on the following: recognition of physical and psychological signs; how children become involved; identifying the perpetrators; key vulnerabilities; educational resources; and prevention strategies. *Tomie Lee Grover and Deena Graves, TraffickStop, Burseson.* **SW, GA** □
41. **The Texas Model for Addressing Disproportionality and Disparities: A Cross Systems Approach, Part 1.** This workshop engages the audience in a powerful conversation on institutionalized racism and its role in creating disproportionality and disparities in all systems and institutions serving vulnerable populations. *Joyce James and Sheila Sturgis Craig, HHSC - Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities, Austin.* **SW, ED, AD** ■
42. **The Dark Side of Technology in Child Abuse.** There are an increased number of technological developments that have created new and dangerous means to encourage new forms of child abuse. Parents, teachers, counselors and public in general need to become aware of them and explore how to prevent these new threats. *Victor Alvarado, Ed.D. University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg.* **GA** □
43. **Trauma Informed Care - Understanding Children in the Foster Care System.** This Trauma Informed Care overview was developed using NCTSN curriculum. The physical, emotional and physiological effects of trauma on a child's life will be reviewed. *Sarai Leeb, LMSW, Cenpatico, San Antonio.* **SW, GA, LPC, ED, CPS, HS, AD** *

44. **Child Fatality Review – Q & A with the Medical Examiner, Part 1.** This workshop will discuss child death scene investigation, determination of Cause and Manner of death, death certification, tips on reviewing autopsies, and managing an “undetermined” cause of death. *Reade A Quinton, MD, Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences. Dallas.* **GA, CFRT** *

10:45 A.M. – Break

11:00 A.M. - Session V

45. **Fostering Connections & Foster Care Redesign.** This workshop will focus on the Fostering Connections and Foster Care Redesign initiated by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. *Colleen McCall and Jim Cleveland, TDFPS, Austin.* **GA, TCCWB** *
46. **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Child Abuse, Part 2.** See 36 above.
47. **Trauma and Juvenile Justice, Part 2.** See 37 above.
48. **Innovative Programs to Reduce the Victimization of Children through Prostitution.** This presentation will focus on two distinct areas: 1) the newly established Harris County Girls Court which provides structure and support for those girls who have been involved in criminal or other behavior suspected to be related to the commercial sex industry; 2) the John School in Dallas which focuses attention on the purchasers of sex in order to deter future violations. *Michael Schneider, Harris County 315th Juvenile Court, Houston.* **GA, SW, LPC, ED, CPS** *
49. **Basic Cyber101, Part 2.** See 39 above.
50. **Recognizing the Child Who is Being Commercially Sexually Exploited or Trafficked. Part 2.** See 40 above.

51. **The Texas Model for Addressing Disproportionality and Disparities: A Cross Systems Approach, Part 2.** See 41 above.

52. **Dealing with Child Abuse in Multicultural Settings.** Cultural factors to be considered when dealing with child abuse cases in multicultural settings. Issues and concerns. *Victor Alvarado, Ed.D., Erika Perez and Marcos Silva, University of Texas Pan-American. Edinburg.* **GA** □

53. **Child Death Investigations - A Team Approach.** Creating synergy in child death investigations by understanding the symbiotic relationship between law enforcement, Children's Protective Services, the Medical Examiner, the District Attorney and hospitals. *Lt. Dan Harris, Houston Police Department, Sgt. Lanette Chandler, Sgt. Brian Harris and Amy Odin. Houston.* **GA, CPS** *

54. **Case Studies of Internet Crimes against Children Prosecutions.** The presenters will outline the federal and state statutes, noting differences, used to prosecute cases of human trafficking of both international and domestic minor victims including the proper requirements: the various reasons for the prosecutive decision. *Robert Stabe, Shannon Davis and John Wakefield, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas. Houston* **GA** *

55. **Child Fatality Review – Q & A with the Medical Examiner, Part 2.** See 44 above.

12:30 P.M. – Closing Luncheon

Darlene Ellison, M.S. “The Predator Next Door”

Christopher Greeley, MD, FAAP – Blue Ribbon Task Force

2:30 P.M. – Adjourn

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE SITE / HOTEL REGISTRATION: The Conference will be held at the Westin Galleria Houston located at 5060 West Alabama, Houston, TX 77056. The Westin Galleria Houston offers accommodations at \$109.00 – Single and \$169.00 – double occupancy rates under a block of rooms reserved for the Prevent Child Abuse Texas program. These rates are subject to change as of October 1, 2011. For hotel reservations – call 1-800-228-3000 and identify the Conference for special rates good through February 27, 2012. If you would like to register online, please go to: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/PCC15>. The Westin Galleria Houston offers complimentary covered self-parking for all guests.

HOTEL CHARGES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION.

EXHIBIT INFORMATION: Businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to bring products, materials and services to the attention of those attending the Conference. As an Exhibitor, your agency/business can receive a 20% discount on registration fees for up to five registrants. For information or to reserve a table, visit our web site at www.preventchildabusetexas.org, or call 512-250-8438 x 118. Deadline is December 31, 2011. Space is limited.

REGISTRATION: Complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to Prevent Child Abuse Texas as soon as possible. You may also go to www.preventchildabusetexas.org and register online. Click on the Conference tab at the top and follow the directions. Workshop selections are based on a first come first serve basis so register early. Be sure to register by February 27, 2012 to get the Early Bird rate. Cut off for registration is March 14, 2012. After March 14, 2012 **on-site** registration will be required.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you are unable to attend the conference, you may cancel your registration by submitting your cancellation in writing (fax, postal mail or email) to PCAT by February 3, 2012. **Verbal cancellations will not be accepted.** PCAT is not responsible for cancellation notices not received. Substitutions for registered attendees may be made without penalty. All substitutions MUST be made in writing through the PCAT office. Refunds will be granted after the conference, less a \$25 processing fee, if a written notice of cancellation is received by February 3, 2012. No refunds will be granted after February 3, 2012.

SPECIAL LUNCH: There will be 2 special lunches available for Monday, March 19, 2012. This lunch is an additional cost. To register, please see Registration Form.

CFRT COORDINATORS MEETING: On Monday, March 19, 2012 from 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M there will be a meeting of CFRT Coordinators with Texas CFR Coordinator Susan Rodriguez. Please bring any questions, issues and needs to the discussion.

SPECIAL THANKS: Prevent Child Abuse Texas appreciates the cooperation of the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, State Child Fatality Review Team Committee, Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, Texas Department of State Health Services, The Children's Assessment Center and US Attorney's Office-Southern District-Project Safe Child (PSC) on the 26th Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse.

ADA STATEMENT: Prevent Child Abuse Texas is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status. If you require reasonable accommodations for a disability in order to participate fully in this continuing education activity, please call 512-250-8438 x 118 no later than December 31, 2011, so we may make the necessary arrangements.

WHAT TO WEAR: Wear layers and/or bring a sweater. The temperature may fluctuate. To ensure your comfort, please keep this in mind when dressing. The dress code will be casual business attire.

QUESTIONS: For more information on the Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse, call the PCAT office in Austin, Texas: 512-250-8438 x 118 or email Rene' Scoggin: rene@preventchildabusetexas.org; or visit our web site at www.PreventChildAbuseTexas.org.

NOTE: PCAT facilitates this annual opportunity to share strengths and solutions to issues of child abuse through speakers and training workshops from a variety of professional perspectives. We respect and value the opinions expressed that may not necessarily reflect the views of the organization or its members.

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Mission: The prevention of child abuse in all its forms for all children throughout Texas.

Vision: One in which every child is free from abuse and neglect, safely nurtured by a loving family. This vision is one in which every child lives in a community committed to preventing child abuse; to providing support for parents, particularly new parents, which enable them to be effective parents; and to promoting the participation of all sectors of the community in a variety of efforts to prevent child abuse.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please **type** or **print**: Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Day Phone(____) _____

Email address _____ Fax (____) _____

Instructions: Please complete a separate registration form (or photocopy) for each participant. Submit payment in full with registration form--state vouchers are acceptable for government employees (Vendor #17423782188002).

Make checks payable to PCAT & mail to: 13740 Research Blvd. #R-4, Austin, TX 78750

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Workshop Selections: Please make workshop selections when registering as seating **is limited**. If a workshop fills, only those that pre-selected workshops will be admitted. (Please put the number of the workshop you wish to attend in the appropriate sessions).

Monday, March 19: **Session I** _____ **Session II** _____ **Session III** _____

Tuesday, March 20: **Session IV** _____ **Session V** _____

Registration Fees: *Include all that apply* Early Bird - After February 27, 2012 add 25%

2-Day Conference (Includes Closing Lunch) \$200 \$ _____

Monday Only \$150 \$ _____

Tuesday Only (includes Closing Lunch) \$150 \$ _____

Special Luncheon with Randell Alexander (lunch served) \$40 \$ _____

Special Luncheon with Christopher Greeley (lunch served) \$40 \$ _____

Workshop Presenter (one fee waived) NC \$ _____

Exhibitor (registration discount) Less 20% \$ _____

Continuing Education Credits* (processing fee) \$15 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

*This program is pending approval for 11 hours of CEU (including 3 hours of ethics) credits from the National Association of Social Workers (1 hour = .1 CEU) and Texas Board of Professional Counselors.

Please check box if you are a member of a local Child Welfare Board.

Please check box if you are a member of a Child Fatality Review Team.

Reminder: Registration is not official until PCAT is in receipt of your payment. Early Bird registration must be postmarked by February 27, 2012. On-site registration (limited to space-available) is subject to an additional \$25 late fee.

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