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National Institute for Permanent
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NIPFC Permanency Blast

March 16, 2017

Greetings,

It's been a busy start to the New Year, and we can't wait to share some of what we've been working on! We begin with an article, "Intentional Strengths", authored by Mike Mertz, who cites and invokes effective narrative practices to improve and deepen engagement. More specifically, Mike speaks to the identification and utilization of "Intentional Strengths" as a foundational piece of the engagement and relationship building process. This blast further contains an opinion piece, "Good Business, Real Results: Time for Radical Change in Child Protection", authored by Kevin Campbell, January 30, 2017, in *The Chronical of Social Change*. Finally, we have announcements for not one, but two conferences held in October 2017. The first is the 2017 International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement held in Vail, CO. The Kempe Center is inviting you to apply to present at the International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement. Submissions are due March 31st, 2017. The second is the 2017 National Permanency Conference held on October 23rd-24th, by Harmony Family Center in Nashville, TN.

Happy Reading!

Intentional Strengths

By Mike Mertz with an Introduction and Summary by Bob Friend

Most Child Welfare practice requires the identification of strengths when developing service and treatment plans for the young people and families it serves, in order to create a balanced approach that attends to both the youth and families' strengths as well as their challenges...Strengths have long been viewed as being internal in nature; part of a person's essence. This understanding of strengths as internal can yield positive, though limited, benefits...Intentional state understandings of strengths are connected to the **how** people are living into valued ideas for life...When viewing strengths as how people live out what they hold as important, the old and familiar strengths lists tend to come alive. Instead of merely generating a list of words, space is created to breathe life into what has been offered. For example...[Intentional Strengths](#)

Good Business, Real Results: Time for Radical Change in Child Protection

By Kevin Campbell

We live in turbulent and transformative times; of this, there can be no doubt. We are experiencing a reset of our social order driven not only by a change in political leadership, but just as importantly by an evolution in technology, science and our understanding of health.

Our political future is largely unknown, but we know a great deal about the direction of science, health and technology over the next decade or so. The pace of scientific and technological advances is a significant driver of our changing lives and society...[Good Business, Real Results: Time for Radical Change in Child Protection](#)

2017 International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement

Vail, CO from October 17th-20th, 2017

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement

**Please consider applying to present at the International Conference on
Innovations in Family Engagement.**

Applications are Due March 31, 2017

Call for Presentations

The Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect

Invites You to Present at the:

2017 International Conference on INNOVATIONS IN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

October 17-20, 2017



SUBMISSION DEADLINE
MARCH 31, 2017

The Kempe Center, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, is excited to announce the Call for Presentations for the International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement, **October 17-20, 2017, in Vail, Colorado**. The conference encourages a focus on the effort being made through Differential Response, Family Group Decision Making and other family engagement approaches to achieve genuine partnership with families. This Call for Presentations has been created to seek applicants from across the U.S. and internationally to present on a range of topics.

You will find both the [Call for Presentations](#) and the [Presenter's Application](#) on [Kempe's website](#).

The deadline for presentation submissions is **March 31, 2017**. Please visit [Kempe's website](#) for more information.

The 2017 National Permanency Conference



Plan to attend:
The 2017 National Permanency Conference:
Exploring the intersection of neuroscience and permanency

Sheraton Music City Hotel; Nashville, TN
October 23-24th, 2017

Join Harmony Family Center for two days of education, networking, and inspiration. The 2017 National Permanency Conference gives adoption leaders, clinicians, child-welfare professionals, researchers, and policy makers an opportunity for deeper understanding of the intersection of trauma, neuroscience, and permanency.

This year's conference is a follow-up to the inaugural ASAP National Conference which was held in June 2015 and attended by over 400 professionals representing 32 states nationwide. We are equally delighted to share that our keynote speaker for this year's conference is Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD - world-renowned clinician and researcher in the field of neuroscience. Dr. Perry will deliver full morning plenary sessions both days of the conference. The primary focus of learning will be centered on the impact of trauma on brain development and the related implications of finding and preserving permanence for maltreated and traumatized children.

Registration will open on March 15th with the launch of the conference website - be sure to take advantage of the early bird rate and register by April 30th. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or securing exhibit space at the NPC, please send an email to: NPCinfo@harmonyfamilycenter.org and one of our conference team members will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to seeing you in Nashville!

Send us suggestions for future blast topics!

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