

2010 Safe Families Symposium

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Parking at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center is free of charge.
- Directions to the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center, 2443 Highway 54 West, Peachtree City, GA 30269 are as follows:
 - **Directions From Atlanta:** Take I-85 South to Exit 61 (Peachtree City / Fairburn). Left onto Hwy 74 South. Travel 9 Miles to Hwy. 54, turn left, drive one mile to Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center (entrance is on the left).
 - **Directions From Columbus:** Take I-85 North to Exit 47 (Peachtree City / Newnan). Right on Hwy 34. Travel 10 miles to merger of Hwy 34 into Hwy 54. Drive 2.25 Miles just across the lake bridge to Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center (entrance is on the left).
 - **Directions From Macon:** Take I-75 North toward Atlanta. Take exit 205 toward Griffin/Jackson. Turn left onto GA-16 West, travel 28 miles. Turn right onto GA-74/GA-85, drive for 3 miles. Turn left onto GA-74/ S Joel Cowan Pkwy, travel 7 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 54, drive one mile to Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center (entrance is on the left).
- If you need to be reached during the conference for emergencies, The Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center's main number is 770-487-2000.
- We are unable to accommodate children who may be traveling with you. Please make arrangements for their care during the day. They will not be allowed into the workshop sessions or the Awards and Appreciation Dinner.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR OVERNIGHT GUESTS

- If you need overnight accommodations, you must call the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center at 1-800-996-3426. When making your reservation, **mention Safe Families Symposium** to receive the special conference rate of \$129 and to be assigned a room in our reserved room block.
- Hotel check-in is at 3:00pm. Early check-ins will be accommodated based on hotel room availability. Check-out is noon. Luggage can be stored at the bell stand, as necessary.
- All incidental costs (telephone calls, movies, snacks, etc.) are the responsibility of the hotel guest. Each guest will need to present a valid credit card upon registration. If you do not have a credit card, you will be asked for a \$50.00 cash deposit. Unused deposit balances will be refunded at check-out.
- If you bring non-Symposium guests with you, you are responsible for the cost of all their meals and incidentals. Guests who are not registered for the Symposium may not attend the Awards & Appreciation Dinner. Unregistered participants may not attend any portion of the conference or participate in the workshops. Children will not be allowed in any workshop session or the dinner and must be supervised at all times.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

- A special track, "Promoting Placement Stability and Permanency through Caseworker/Parent Visits", will be offered this year as a 5-session track. Space is limited to 40 participants, and pre-registration is required.

This track provides skills-based training on engaging parents in case planning and supporting them to make personal changes that will ensure their child's safety. This course builds on skills learned in "Promoting Placement Stability and Permanency through Caseworker/Child Visits: Every Child, Every Month."

Participants will learn strategies to engage parents including specific methods to engage fathers, practice discussing complex child welfare practices such as concurrent planning with birth parents, foster parents and other caregivers, and practice assessing parent/child interactions that occur on visits for family preservation and placement cases. The course will present a method of how to identify which parental capacities must be demonstrated in order to recommend reunification or case closure.

- In addition, the Safe Families Symposium is offering many other informative, relevant sessions including, but not limited to:
 - *Characteristics of Families that Re-abuse*
 - *Healthy Socio-Emotional Development*
 - *Home Visit Safety*
 - *Assessing Safety of Children with Disabilities*
 - *Importance of Early Screening*
 - *The Storyteller in All of Us*
 - *Inter-relationship of Substance Abuse & Domestic Violence*
 - *Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*
 - *Mandated Reporting*
 - *Meeting the Needs of Young Fathers*
 - *Improving Parental Relationships*
 - *Home Visitation*
 - *Promoting Healthy Behaviors in Cyberspace*
- Certificates of participation will be included in your registration packet. At each workshop, you will be given a decal to attach to your certificate as proof of attendance.
- For professionals who require CEUs to maintain their professional license, CEUs are available free of charge. You will be required to sign in at each workshop and either turn in a completed certificate of participation at the end of the Symposium **or** fax a copy to Care Solutions at 770-640-6073. You will receive one CEU (10 credit hours) for full Symposium participation – no partial CEUs are available.
- The mandatory Contractors Meeting will be held from 12:30-3:30pm on Tuesday, September 28, followed by the Closing Session.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Awards and Appreciation dinner on Monday night will feature entertainment by Mitch Barrett.



Mitch Barrett is one of Kentucky's most sought-after and talented singer songwriters. His approach to lyrical storytelling is true 'Americana', rooted in authentic experience. As a veteran storyteller and folk musician, he leads collaborative storytelling and songwriting workshops, grounded in the premise that everyone's story is important. Mitch begins by sharing songs written over his 30-year career, and discusses the life events that inspired them. Some are painful, others joyous; but in each he reveals his own vulnerability.

Learn more about Mitch at www.mitchbarrettmusic.com.

Hasan Davis, Deputy Commissioner Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, will be our inspiring speaker at the Closing Session.

Hasan has managed to change his life and reach for his dreams. After an early history of social and academic challenges, including learning disabilities, pre-teen arrest and expulsion from alternative school and college, Hasan found the courage to change. Who better to reinforce the meaningful role of adults in the lives of children, than a professional with a deep understanding of the barriers to reaching and teaching youth in transition? Courage, persistence and hope – this is the message Hasan carries. For more on Hasan, go to his website, www.hasandavis.com.

