

# Family Matters Conference

Friday, March 26, 2010

*Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills*

## “Challenging Children/Worried Parents”

*Keynote Speaker:*

**Robert Brooks, Ph.D.**



[www.drrobertbrooks.com](http://www.drrobertbrooks.com)

Dr. Brooks was so well received at our 2007 conference that the OFRC Board chose to invite him to speak at our conference again. Dr. Robert Brooks is one of today's leading speakers on the themes of resilience, self-esteem, motivation, and family relationships. During the past 30 years, Dr. Brooks has presented nationally and internationally to thousands of parents, educators, mental health professionals and business people with a message based on encouragement, hope, and resilience. He is renowned for the warmth and humor he uses to bring his insights and anecdotes to life.



Also...

Free Parent Seminar  
Thursday, March 25, at  
7:00 pm at the Tulsa  
Southern Hills Marriott.  
Hear Dr. Brooks speak on  
"Raising Self-disciplined  
Children". Professionals  
are welcome to attend!

## **Breakout Session A**

### **1:00-2:20 pm**

#### **1. *Ethics Part I***

##### **Doing Right While Doing Good: Ethical & Legal Issues**

**Bruce Hodson, Ph.D., Creek Nation Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services**

People providing behavioral and allied health treatment and education services usually just want to help and do “good”. At the same time, we must do our “good” the right way, with attention to ethical and legal obligations. We can use guidelines to protect the well-being of our patients or clients, the public, and ourselves. **Please note this workshop meets the requirements for ethics training.**

#### **2. What Works in School Readiness**

**Susan Illgen, Executive Director of Smart Start Oklahoma**

This session will provide the most current research identifying effective strategies to address young children’s preparedness for school and life. Included will be an overview on Oklahoma’s Statewide School Readiness Definition and efforts to implement a School Readiness Assessment.

#### **3. A Framework for Reading Non-Verbal Behavioral Cues**

**Laurie Mouradian, Sc.D., OTR/L, Program Director, OK Infant Transition Program, OU Health Sciences**

This presentation will introduce participants to a framework for reading and understanding nonverbal behavioral cues. Newborn infant behavioral cues can be used to help us understand similar behaviors in older nonverbal children and adults with developmental disabilities. This presentation will help caregivers have a better understanding of the potential meaning of common nonverbal behavioral cues.

#### **4. When There Is No Place Like Home; Domestic Violence and Children**

**N. Ann Lowrance, Department Head of Social Services and Assistant Professor of Crime Victim/Survivor Services, OSU**

Learn how domestic violence affects every member of a family. Family violence creates a home environment where children live in constant fear, and puts children at risk of being abused.

#### **5. Oklahoma’s Newborn Hearing Screening Program: Identification, Diagnosis and Management**

**Mary Ellen Finerty, M.A., CCC-A, Audiologist, OK State Dept. of Health  
Patricia Burk, MS, CCC-SLP, LSLs Cert. AVT, Coordinator, Newborn Hearing Screening Program, Oklahoma State Department of Health**

This presentation will discuss high risk factors for hearing loss, screening and diagnostic procedures and management of infants and children with hearing loss. This presentation will also explain how Oklahoma babies who are diagnosed with hearing loss are tested within the first 6 weeks of life.

**6. Hispanic Culture & Issues in Working with Latino Families**

**Monica Inciarte, Supervisor Assistant for Nuestras Familias Program  
Ivelisse Cruz, Supervisor Safe Care Program at Latino Community  
Development Agency, Oklahoma City**

Participants will learn about cultural competence and issues in working with Latino families. Participants will learn how to engage families in home visitation programs and better understand Latino culture and values.

**7. Baby Sign Language**

**Diane Weston, M.S. CCPS, Certified Baby Signs Instructor, Oklahoma State  
Department of Health**

Baby Signs is a simple communication program designed for hearing infants and children. This program has proven to increase expressive language as well as reading skills. Frustration and temper tantrums are commonly reduced by using Baby Signs.

**Breakout Session B  
2:40-4:00pm**

**1. *Ethics Part II***

**Doing Right While Doing Good: Ethical & Legal Issues**

**Bruce Hodson, Ph.D., Creek Nation Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse  
Services**

This is a continuation of session A. **Note this session will end at 4:15 pm.**

**2. The Front Porch Project**

**Kathleen Benfield, Coordinator, Tulsa**

The workshop will consist of the background and history of The Front Porch Project and its development and growth to date in Tulsa; a brief walk-through of the training segments; and the evaluation process.

Participants will better learn how this program will better connect communities to help keep children safe.

**3. Disabilities 101: The Culture of Disabilities and What It Means For Those Who Serve Them**

**Jan Moss, Oklahoma Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental  
Disabilities and Center for Learning and Leadership, OU Health Sciences**

Working with families can be challenging. Working with children and families that have disabilities can be especially difficult for service providers who aren't familiar with the everyday obstacles that families face. Participants will learn culturally appropriate behaviors in working with families as well as ways to enhance services.

**4. Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect in Oklahoma**

**Afton Wagner, CPS Program Manager, Children and Family Services Division DHS, Oklahoma City**

This workshop will provide participants with information regarding the recognition of child abuse and neglect and the reporting process as established by state statute. The process in responding to reports of child abuse and neglect will also be discussed.

**5. DIR/Floortime; An Introduction to Dr. Greenspan's Model**

**Mark Adams, M.Ed., Certified in the Greenspan Approach, Tahlequah**

The DIR (Developmental, Individual-Difference, Relationship-Based) Floortime approach is a comprehensive framework for understanding and treating children challenged by autism spectrum and related disorders. This workshop will provide an overview of Greenspan's model.

**6. Personal Safety During Home Visits**

**Mark A. Ihrig, Special Judge, Creek County, Oklahoma**

This workshop is for supervisors and home visitation workers and will highlight common and hidden dangers in homes. Safety hazards will be identified and a sample safety plan will be outlined for use in agencies and programs to lessen liability to workers and their employers.

**7. Vision Issues: Am I Seeing?**

**Dr. Zeddie Cantrell, Pediatric Optometrist, Bristow**

Participants will receive an introductory course on children's vision. They will learn about the development of children's eyes, common vision problems, children's eye diseases, and screening procedures for referring a child.



# *Conference Agenda*

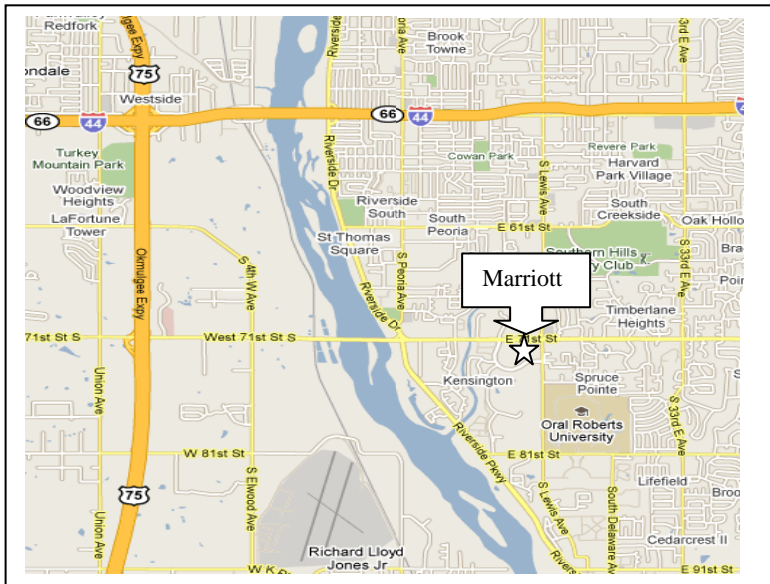
## **Friday, March 26, 2010**

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 Welcome and Awards Presentation
- 9:00 **Keynote Presentation by: Robert Brooks, Ph.D.**  
***“Challenging Children/Worried Parents” – Part 1***
- 10:15 Break (book signing)
- 10:30 ***Dr. Robert Brooks – Part 2***
- 11:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 Breakout Session – A
- 2:20 Break
- 2:40 Breakout Session – B
- 4:00 Adjourn



### *Continuing Education Credits*

Approval for conference CEU's has been requested for LPC/LMFT, Psychologists, Social Workers, and Certified Parent Educators through OFRC.



### **Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills**

1902 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Tulsa, OK 74136  
918/493-7000

### **Directions**

Individualized driving directions are available on the website  
[www.Marriott.com/TULSE](http://www.Marriott.com/TULSE)

**Reservations: 1-800-228-9290 or [www.Marriott.com/TULSE](http://www.Marriott.com/TULSE)**

Room rates: \$81.00 per night – Single/Double Occupancy  
Price & Block of Rooms Guaranteed until **March 11, 2010.**

When you call for room reservations, inform them you are attending  
the **Family Matters Conference.**

**REGISTRATION** *(Please write clearly)*

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City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE FEE**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 – OFRC Members

\_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00 – Non-Members

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 – Full-Time Student (Must send copy of student ID with registration)

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order number

Contact for PO Invoice (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (if different from above)\_\_\_\_\_

***Registration is transferable, but no refunds will be given.***

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**On-Site Registration**

\$50.00 – OFRC Members

\$90.00 – Non-Members

\$50.00 – Students (Must show copy of student ID)

Register online at <http://www.ofrc.org/> using PayPal or  
Send This Form and Your Check To:

**Oklahoma Family Resource Coalition**

Brenda Butchee, Administrative Director

6520 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street

Tulsa, OK 74129

Phone: 918-231-4559

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MARCH 10, 2010**