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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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Prenatal exposure to alcohol and drugs changes the structure and function of the developing fetal brain, resulting in significant

difficulties with behavior and learning. To develop intervention strategies that can have a long-term impact, it is best to understand these difficulties through the lens of self-regulation. Based on Dr. Chasnoff's new book, Guided Growth, and grounded in the knowledge that self-regulation is achieved only through relationships with caring and supportive adults, this session will integrate the sciences of education, brain development, early learning, and behavior management specifically related to children affected by their birth mother's use of drugs and alcohol during pregnancy.



The strengths and challenges of Native American Families: Charting our course as we navigate two worlds

Strong families are central to the wellbeing of Native American Peoples. In the United States, many policies and institutions have

undermined families and created challenges for wellbeing, both in the past and in present times. Despite that fact, Native American families maintain many strengths that foster wellbeing and these strengths can help us chart a path forward. Examples will be highlighted from the Healthy Living in Two Worlds program that was designed to cultivate wellbeing in urban Native American youth and the Council on Social Work Education Statement of Accountability and Reconciliation for Harms Done to Indigenous and Tribal Peoples.



Creating an Equity-Focused Child and Family Well-being System

Join us in a conversation with Oregon Child Welfare Division Deputy Director, Aprille Flint-Gerner, who will share how the Oregon Child Welfare Division Vision for Transformation is creating an equity-focused child and family well-being system.



The Power of being Good Enough

Corey will enlighten guests as he explores his view of partnering with parents, youth, young adults and the adaptive value of investing in HOPE. Co-creating safe, strong and supported communities is achieved through mutual respect, cultural/racial

humility, shifts in practices and the fundamental belief that all voices embody the collective experiences that will ensure we live up to the vision we have for child and community welfare. During the conversation with, Corey will uncover meaningful examples of what it takes to live the value of belonging, racial justice, self-awareness and reciprocity. He believes that the protective factors are magical ingredients that elevate systems and families partnerships. Throughout this experience, you will witness the joy of authenticity and the transformative power of what occurs when we focus on what's strong and invest in HOPE!



Why TBRI®?

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention, designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. With an emphasis on

connection, the intervention is based on years of attachment, sensory processing, and neuroscience research. In this session, Renae M. Dupuis, Training Specialist at the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, will provide an overview of TBRI principles and their application in healing environments. Parents and professionals will cultivate a deeper understanding of how they can better address attachment needs and fear-based behaviors. Designed for those new to TBRI and a refresher for current TBRI Practitioners, this session will provide encouragement and support for the healing journey.



Transracial Parenting: How to Talk about Race and Racism

Learn how to navigate the tough conversations about race & racism with your transracially parented youth and clients, including developmentally appropriate language, the do's and do not's of being

a supportive ally, and strategies for responding to racism. This workshop is appropriate for adoptive parents, waiting parents, foster parents and professionals.