

8:00-8:30 Check in
 8:30-8:45 Welcome - Beth Worrell
 (Taylor County Child Welfare Board Chair)

Proclamation - The Honorable George Newman (Taylor County Judge)

8:45-10:00 Dr. Peter Lehmann (Associate Professor, School of Social Work, UT Arlington)

10:00-10:15 Break (Refreshments provided)

10:15-11:45 Dr. Peter Lehmann

11:45-12:45 Lunch (Provided)

Prayer—Chaplain Donna Kleman, APD

Lunch Speakers

Diane Dotson - Executive Director, Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center

Leigh Ann Fry - Noah Project Executive Director

Gillian Fisher (child victim of domestic violence)

12:45-2:00 Dr. Peter Lehmann

2:00-2:15 Break (Refreshments provided)

2:15-4:30 Robin Karr-Morse (Author, Ghosts from the Nursery)

Closing - Bit Whitaker (CPS Regional Director)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference registration is online:

www.regionalcrime.org

Registration is \$15.00.

Lunch, snacks and CEUs will be provided.

CEU's available at no charge

6 CEU in Social Work

TCLEOSE courtesy WCTCOG Law Enforcement Academy

LPC CE's provided by Betty Hardwick Center

Conference Committee Members

Diane Bradley-7th Medical Group, Dyess Air Force Base
 Connie Davis-Child Protective Services
 Diane Dotson-Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center
 Leigh Ann Fry-Noah Project
 Lynn Beard-Abilene Police Department
 Melinda Beard-Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center
 Lisa Lopez-Child Protective Services
 Chief Jimmy Ellison-ACU Police Department

THE INNOCENCE OF CHILDHOOD AND THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE

Skill Building Seminar for Professionals Treating Children and Families

SPONSORED BY THE TAYLOR COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD

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WEST CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY through a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor



Date: October 6, 2010

Time: 8:30 - 4:30
Check in: 8:00-8:30

Location: Hunter Welcome Center, Abilene Christian University

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - ROBIN KARR-MORSE



The Taylor County Child Welfare Board is honored to sponsor Robin Karr-Morse to Abilene. Robin is the co-author of *Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence*. The book focuses on understanding the origin of violent behavior starting in the cradle.

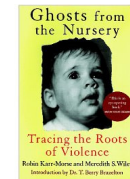
Ms. Karr-Morse earned her M.ED. In Counseling from Lewis and Clark College in

Portland Oregon in 1976. She is currently a consultant to county and state governments nationwide. She continues her work to shift the focus of community systems of social and mental health practices from fixing broken kids to building healthy ones as Executive Director of the Parenting Institute.

Ms. Karr-Morse presents startling evidence that points out that violent behavior is born and cultivated as early as the earliest months of life. It is well known that the foundations for trust, empathy, conscience and lifelong learning are laid down in the infancy. It is also when a predispo-

sition towards violent behavior is “hardwired” into the brain, strongly influenced by environment and neurobiological make up.

We may never know why children kill children, but Robin presents well-developed ideas as to how we can work together to prevent this alarming trend from continuing into the future.



PETER LEHMANN, Ph.D.



Dr. Lehmann is a current associate professor with the School of Social Work at UT Arlington. He obtained his PH.D. Degree in Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1995.

Dr. Lehmann has done numerous presentations throughout the U.S. and Canada on family violence issues. He has an interest in relationship violence and his practice and research has centered partly on the effects of violence exposure to children and offending fathers.

Dr. Lehmann has also trained with child

welfare workers in Texas and Oklahoma developing safety and strengths based approaches with families.

Dr. Lehmann launched the first Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Certificate Program in the United States in 2006, through UT Arlington School of Social Work Continuing Education Department.

Dr. Lehmann has co-authored “A Generalist-Eclectic Approach to Direct Practice” (editions 1 and 2), “Strengths Based Batterer Intervention: A New Paradigm in Ending Domestic Violence,” School-Based Anti-Violence Program.”

Dr. Lehmann will present a four hour presentation on “The Impact on Children who Witness Family Violence: Possible Treatment Implications.” This is “must have” information for anyone working with domestic violence and children.

MASTER SERGEANT (Ret) GILLIAN FISHER

Gillian Fisher served 26 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force. She worked in the avionics career field and was an instructor at the Non-commissioned Officers Academy. She currently works as the Medical Expense and Performance Reporting System Manager at Dyess AFB. She has won numerous awards to include most recently Team Dyess Civilian of the Quarter. She currently hold two Associates Degrees and is working towards her degree in Business Management and Computer Information Systems with a 3.8 GPA.

Ms. Fisher experienced a wonderfully successful military career, but due to the abuse she encountered as a child, her personal and relationship choices were affected in a very negative way. Ms. Fisher will take you through her experiences as a child, young adult and into adulthood where she is now. She will explain to you how little it takes to affect a child’s future.