



TACF 9th Annual Education and Leadership Conference

Recognize ~ Inspire ~ Educate

Keys to Unlocking a Child's Hidden Potential

June 26-28, 2013

The Inn at Opryland ~ Nashville, Tennessee

Keynote Speakers



Joel Weintraub – Stress, Attitude and Humor

Joel Weintraub is a "humorous educator" who has managed to merge the formerly disparate worlds of comedy, business and education. By combining his professional comedy experience with his Masters degree in Exercise Physiology and his Bachelors in Health Education from Temple University, Joel has entertained and educated audiences as diverse as Foster and Adoptive Parent's Associations, Teachers, Superintendents, Physicians, Nurses, Dietitians, School Nutrition Associations, the PTA and even Burglar Alarm Installers. From the "World Bank" to Dangerfield's Comedy Club to major radio stations, the local news and the Food Channel ... they have all laughed and learned with "Humor for the Health of it".

Kenston J. Griffin – Your Turning Point Starts Now

Mr. Griffin is the Founder and CEO of Dream Builders Communication, Inc. (DBC) which is recognized and consults internationally. DBC provides training and development in the areas of: Academic Performance, Curriculum Enhancement, Professional/Organization Development, Consumer Relation, Supply Change and Demand, and Coaching. His powerful and thought-provoking keynote will focus on "Inspecting What You Expect", "Perception versus Reality", "The Company You Keep", and "The Power of Connecting the Dots".



Heather Higgins – Beyond Poverty: Brain-Inspired Ways to Understand and Respond to Poverty

Heather Higgins, LCSW-C is the Director of Training and Development for The Upside Down Organization and a Clinician at The Children's Guild in Baltimore, MD. She has been practicing social work for over 10 years, specializing in clinical work with children and families. Heather obtained her BA from Loyola College and her MSW from University of Maryland, Baltimore. Heather provides keynote and workshops nationwide to educators, clinicians, child-serving professionals, parents and foster families on a variety of brain based topics — including Suicide Prevention, Gender Differences, ADHD, Bullying, and Poverty. Heather has spoken at numerous national conferences and has a published article on understanding ADHD.

Dr. Stephanie D.B. Johnson – Using Your Key to Unlock the Treasure in Every Child

Dr. Johnson has served in public school divisions for more than 38 years and has served every level of students in some capacity. As a Title I principal, she lead her staff and students to a series of honors and awards including the National Title I School, Governor's Award of Excellence and State Title I School. Dr. Johnson has also served as a Xerox Quality Trainer and a Ruby Payne Trainer. Dr. Johnson now serves as the Coordinator of Educational Leadership at a local university where she recreates her passion for education in a new generation of teachers and leaders.



Charles Sanderfur – Dare to Dream Again

Charles Sanderfur is a gifted communicator who has worked with children from an array of perspectives. He and his wife Marlene have three biological children, six adopted children, and over foster children. He is a Nationally Certified Licensed Professional Counselor and Board Certified Life Coach. In 2001 he co-founded the Patria Foster Care Agency of Tennessee. Dare to Dream Again seeks to reunite passion with performance by offering powerful keys to resilience and disrupting holding patterns while challenging participants to reignite deferred dreams and unlock every child's hidden potential.

Additional Topics:

Staff Communication Adolescent Drug Abuse
Work/Life Balance Human Trafficking Special Education

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