

**FRIDAY 2:00 AND 3:45**

**7. HELP, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THIS CHILD**

What do you do when a child is placed in your home and you have no idea how to handle behavioral or emotional issues. This interactive workshop will include questions and answers and discussion around children and their needs.

**Gaye Allen-Cook, BC, MA, OMHP, LPC, TherapyWorx, Inc.**

**8. CHILD EMPOWERMENT: A REFLECTION OF A BETTER WAY**

This workshop will provide information regarding the global epidemic of child endangerment. The focus is on empowering children and giving them skills to protect themselves.

**Jackie Gadsden, LBSW, MS, There's Room, Inc.**

**9. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

In this session, you will learn the basics of adoption assistance for children adopted from foster care. Topics include eligibility, benefits, taxes, and more. Participants will receive state specific information and will come away with concrete information and strategies to better advocate for foster and adopted children with special needs. There will also be an overview of the Federal Adoption Tax Credit.

**Josh Kroll, Project Coordinator, Adoption Subsidy Resource Center, North American Council on Adoptable Children**

**10. INDEPENDENT LIVING/NYTD –LEARNING HOW TO HELP OUR YOUTH BECOME SUCCESSFUL**

The purpose of this training provides information about the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act and its impact on youth in foster care between the ages of 13 and 21. Attendees learn the importance of engaging the youth in collaborative case planning, helping them to gain a feeling of confidence and empowerment by using a Positive Youth Development approach. We will discuss the importance of the National Youth in Transition Database, its impact on youth in South Carolina.

**Kathleen McLean-Titus, Human Services Technical Assistance Supervisor, State Coordinator/Chafee IL Program; Terri D. Pope, IL Program Coordinator for the SC Chafee Independent Living Program and NYTD Services Specialist**

**11. OPTIONS – WHAT ARE THEY?**

This workshop will discuss alternative education placement for students who are not doing well in a traditional school environment.

**Roy Smith, RPM Coordinator, S.C. Youth Challenge Academy**

**12. WHY DO FOSTER PARENTS NEED TO BE TRAUMA INFORMED?**

This workshop will offer participants an opportunity to learn how the trauma of child maltreatment impacts children and how working with traumatized children impacts us.

**M. Elizabeth Ralston, Ph.D., LISW-CP, LMFT, Executive Director, The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center**

**13. ADHD: SOLUTIONS ONCE AND FOR ALL**

This training will look at ADHD from the clinical and medical model and will give practical non-medical approaches to dealing with this current epidemic.

**Tony Perdomo, MSW, LISW-CP, Straight Talk Counseling Services**

**14. PLAY: THE WORK OF CHILDREN.**

This session will discuss cognitive, physical and social-emotional benefits of play and provide practical tips for turning household items into toys that teach. Too much screen time in front of television, video games and computers are robbing our children of their childhoods. Simple board games not only provide relationship building opportunities for families, they provide wonderful learning opportunities as well. Daily interactive, intergenerational play is a necessary component of childhood that leads to a healthier, more productive society.

**Lisa Fields, Trainer, Heath's Haven**

**SATURDAY 9:00**

**15. DISCOVER THE MAGIC IN THE CARDS YOU ARE DEALT**

Combining motivation and miracles, you will be taken on a rollercoaster ride of magic, motivation and celebration. Eric will illustrate his personal story while sharing how he was able to succeed by using key strategies taught to him by his foster parents and his social worker.

**Eric Tyler Anderson, The Magician with a Message**

**SATURDAY 10:45**

**16. BRIDGING THE GAP FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN**

This training stems from the growing recognition that if foster families and the birth families can work together, the outcome for children in care will improve. It's all about the children.

**Tony Perdomo, MSW, LISW-CP, Straight Talk Counseling Services**



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SCFPA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION MATERIAL



**2012 Partnership in Parenting  
Professional Training and Development**



**April 27-28, 2012  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Greenville, South Carolina**

## WORKSHOP SELECTION

Workshops 1 through 6 will be presented Friday, April 27, 2012. Please choose **ONE** workshop for the 9:00 a.m. session and **ONE** workshop for the 10:45 a.m. session.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Friday, 9:00 a.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____
Friday, 10:45 a.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____

Workshops 6 through 14 will be presented Friday, April 27, 2012. Please choose **ONE** workshop for the 2:00 p.m. session and **ONE** workshop for the 3:45 p.m. session.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Friday, 2:00 p.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____
Friday, 3:45 p.m. Workshop	# _____	# _____

Workshop 15 will be presented Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. during **Opening Session**

Workshop 16 will be presented Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 10:45 a.m.

Please mark your workshop selections above, tear off this registration form and return your registration fee of \$65.00 per person.

→ Please make your checks payable to SCFPA ←  
and send to PO Box 39, Elgin, SC 29045

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

- DSS foster parent
- Other agency foster parent
- Agency worker

Have a question or need additional information?  
Please call Carl or Mary Brown:  
1-803-865-2020

## HOTEL REGISTRATION

The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville, South Carolina, 670 Verdae Blvd. (Exit Roper Mountain Road off I-385). Rooms for Friday Night, April 27, for all South Carolina Department of Social Services foster parents will be paid for by the SCFPA. **There are no sleeping rooms available at the Embassy Suites.** However, please call the Crowne Plaza, 851 Congaree Road, Greenville, SC, 864-297-6300 to make your reservations. Should Crowne Plaza be booked, call the SCFPA Office, 803-865-2020 for name of another over-flow hotel. We will not be responsible for the room unless it is an approved over-flow hotel.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration fee of \$65.00 per person must be postmarked by April 17, 2012. Registration postmarked after April 17, 2012 and on site will be \$75.00 per person. Your registration fee covers the cost of all workshops and the Friday evening banquet. NOTE: *The Awards Banquet will be held Friday, April 27, 2012. Please do not mail or fax registration to the SCFPA Office after April 17, 2012.*

## ATTENTION: COUNTY PRESIDENTS

There will be a raffle held on Saturday at the Business Meeting. Each county is asked to bring an item to be raffled. All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER - ERIC ANDERSON



### The Magician with a Message

After experiencing a failed adoption, Eric was placed in California's Child Welfare System and lived in numerous foster homes and group homes until he was eighteen. During this time, he went through some serious personal challenges, however, he had a positive focus in his life...the art of magic.

At eighteen, Eric aged out of the system, realizing he had no support system and had some serious decisions to make concerning his life. He immediately started reading books on personal development and self-help, implementing goals for his life that would impact him in a positive way. These goals helped him combat some of the negative thoughts he was exposed to while growing up in foster care; but most importantly, gave him a strong foundation to transform his life.

Today, using his magic, Eric is committed to impacting people's lives through his entertainment and speaking presentations. He is author of the top selling book, "The Magic of Attitude - Success Strategies for Finding Magic in the Cards You are Dealt." Eric has had the opportunity to share the stage with Talk Show Host Sean Hannity, First Lady Laura Bush, Home Run King Hank Aaron, and Nobel Peace Prize Recipient & President of the United States Jimmy Carter. He also was selected to entertain at the Salute to Heroes Inaugural Ball during President Barack Obama's Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

## REGISTRATION POLICY

Nametags must be worn at all times during workshop sessions and conference activities. As a courtesy to our presenters, entry into workshops already in progress will be allowed at the discretion of the room monitors. Cell phones should be on vibrate during workshops. Training Certificates will be given to participants at the end of each workshop. CEU's will be available from the presenter in each workshop.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN

The SCFPA does not provide childcare. We encourage you **NOT** to bring children. Due to limited space and the subject matter of our workshops and as a courtesy to our presenters, children will **NOT** be allowed in the workshops. Should you need help with placing your children while attending the conference, please contact your local DSS office.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 27

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Workshops
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Workshops
	Lunch (on your own)
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Workshops
3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Workshops
7:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet

### Saturday, April 28

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Opening Session
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Workshop
12:30 p.m.	Business Meeting & Adjourn

## WORKSHOPS

### FRIDAY 9:00 AND 10:45

#### 1. FAULTY CIRCUITS – HOW TRAUMA “RE-WIRES” THE BRAIN

You don't have to be an engineer to understand that trauma affects a child's brain development. By the time most young people reach our system, they have already experienced unspeakable trauma/loss. This workshop will focus on how trauma impacts a child and will leave the participant with a greater understanding of trauma based needs and techniques in dealing with “faulty circuits”.

**Gaye Allen-Cook, BC, MA, OMHP, LPC, TherapyWorx, Inc.**

#### 2. PARENTS AS TEACHERS FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Numerous studies have confirmed that foster care children perform significantly worse in school than do children in the general population. The Parents As Teachers Foster Care Program established in Beaufort County offers a collaborative community partnership between DSS and the Beaufort County School District to provide a voluntary, primary prevention and intervention program for children and families who are involved in the foster care system. An education liaison (Parent Educator) works closely with DSS to identify and address individualized developmental and educational needs of children involved in foster care.

**Ashley Hutchison, Parent Education Coordinator, Beaufort County School District**  
**Kay Newsome, Director of School Readiness, Beaufort County School District**

## 3. MINE NOW

This workshop will address the transition from being the foster parent to becoming the adoptive parent, “claiming and owning” the child/ren. Families will understand the practical aspects and psychological implications for parenting an adoptive child.

**Brenda L. Parks, MA, LBSW, Adoption Supervisor, SCDSS Region I Adoption**

## 4. THE RIGHTS AND ROLES OF FOSTER PARENTS IN FAMILY COURT

This workshop will address the following topics: foster parent's right to notice of family court proceedings pertaining to foster children; relevant information DSS must provide to the foster parent upon foster child being placed in foster parent's home; the purpose of the various types of family court proceedings concerning the foster child; foster parent's right to attend hearing and to address the court; what it means to be party of interest in family court proceedings concerning the foster child; providing written reports to the court in family court proceedings concerning the foster child, etc. Also learn about state laws that concern or effect our children.

**Michele H. Hurley, Esquire, Children's Law Center**

## 5. EDUCATE-ADVOCATE-CELEBRATE

In this session, you will learn the tools to advocate for your child and for all children. The session will start with problem identification, move on to laws or rules that cover the problem, and how to find a solution. Those concepts will then be expanded to class advocacy, advocating for all children which, in the end, will bring celebration.

**Josh Kroll, Project Coordinator, Adoption Subsidy Resource Center, North American Council on Adoptable Children**

## 6. DEVELOPING HABITS THAT LEAD TO SUCCESS

This training session shall cause one to examine individual habits, assess your self-concept, start to re-program yourself, learn some new habits and laugh at yourself as each participant identifies a vision on the road called Destiny. You will also learn how to assist foster children with development of habits and a positive self-concept that leads to personal success.

**Mary F. Landrum, LBSW, SCFPA Trainer**