

Empowered To Connect, together with Show Hope and the Karen Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPIDC) at Texas Christian University, will host the **EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE**— a two-day conference designed to help adults better understand how to connect with **“children from hard places”** in order to help them heal and become all that God desires them to be.

**April 5 & 6 from 9am-5pm**  
**Multi-Purpose Room**  
**Cost: \$20 per person**

Featuring **Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) methods** developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross from the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development, the **Empowered to Connect Conference** is ideal for:

- Adoptive and foster parents
- Those considering adoption or foster care
- Social workers
- Agency professionals
- Church staff and ministry leaders
- Counselors and therapists

Experience practical teaching in a supportive community as we work to equip families, churches, and professionals to **better serve children.**

*Tell your children 'you are precious, you are valuable, and nobody else is created like you.'*  
**Dr. Karyn Purvis**



Dan & Terri Coley are Show Hope founding board members. They have served as foster parents for more than 40 infants and birthmothers & have adopted children domestically & internationally. Their family is multi-racial & includes children with special needs. They are committed to helping educate & prepare families for the adoption journey & empowering them with tools to help children heal while maintaining healthy families.

Daren Jones is a Training Specialist with the KPIDC. He began his career as a behavior instructor of a program serving children & youth who could no longer function in a traditional school setting. He has spent 13 years serving within residential & foster care settings as a direct-care worker, residential group home supervisor, & Licensed Child Care Administrator.

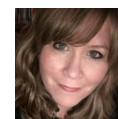


Cindy Lee is a TBRI practitioner & specializes in providing counseling services for children, adolescents, & adults. She co-founded the HALO project, a 10-week intensive intervention program based on TBRI, for children in foster care & adopted children. In collaboration with Dr. Karen Purvis & Dr. David Cross, she has published a series of children's books based on the lessons of TBRI.

Sarah Mercado is a Training Specialist with the KPIDC. Previously, Sarah worked with adolescent boys living in a Residential Treatment Center, became Regional Director for a foster and adoption agency, & spent 20 years serving families within residential and foster care settings.



Mark and Tona Ottinger have been part of the Empowered to Connect team for over 11 years. In 2016, they co-founded the Memphis Family Connection Center that provides holistic attachment-centered counseling, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and integrated services to the family as a whole. Mark is also a campus pastor at Fellowship Memphis Church, and Tona serves as MFCC's Director of Empowered to Connect.



Amanda Purvis is a Training Specialist with the KPIDC. She began her career working in Child Protective Services as an intake worker. She then transitioned to foster care & post-adoption support, where she spent a decade of her career before beginning her work with the KPIDC.



Marti Smith is an Occupational Therapist, a fellow with Child Trauma Academy, & a TBRI Practitioner. She began her career studying autism in the public schools. She is a co-founder of Simple Sparrow Farm, helping people of all ages, backgrounds, & abilities “Learn, Grow, & Heal.” Her “Trauma Tips” podcast can be found at [www.creativetherapies.com](http://www.creativetherapies.com).



# EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE

*Live Simulcast*  
**April 5 & 6, 2019**



Hosted by Sheboygan  
 Evangelical Free Church

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## Friday, April 5 Itinerary

9am	Welcome & Introductions Dan & Terri Coley
9:15am	TBRI & Trauma Daren Jones
10:30am	Break
10:45am	TBRI & Trauma: A Family Perspective Mark & Tona Ottinger
11:45am	TBRI & Trauma: Wrap Up Daren Jones
12:15pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:30pm	Connecting, Part 1 Amanda Purvis
3pm	Break
3:15pm	Connecting, Part 2 Amanda Purvis
3:45pm	Connecting through Play Cindy Lee
4:45pm	Closing Remarks Dan & Terri Coley

The weekend will be separated into 4 sections: TBRI & Trauma, Connecting, Empowering and Correcting. Within each, speakers will provide an overview of research, strategies and tools, and implementation examples from families and professionals.

*Bringing hope and healing  
to families.*

Coffee, water and light refreshments will be provided during the morning and afternoon breaks. There will be a 75 minute break scheduled for an off-site lunch each day. A list of area restaurants will be provided. Unfortunately, childcare will not be provided. Please make arrangements for your children off-site.

## Saturday, April 6 Itinerary

9am	Welcome & Review Daren Jones
9:30am	Empowering Sarah Mercado
10:30am	Break
10:45am	Empowering: An Occupational Therapist's Perspective Marti Smith
11:45am	Empowering: Wrap Up Sarah Mercado & Marti Smith
12:15pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:30pm	Correcting Amanda Purvis
3pm	Break
3:15pm	Correcting: A Family Perspective Mark & Tona Ottinger
4:15pm	Correcting: Wrapping Up Amanda Purvis
4:45pm	Closing Remarks



## ETC Conference Registration April 5 & 6, 2019

Please complete the information requested below and return this form to the church office in care of Yvonne Mooney. Enclose the appropriate registration fee (\$20/person) made payable to Evangelical Free Church.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each **adoptive and foster parent** will receive a certificate of attendance. Certificates will be handed out at the end of each day, per parent. Attendees are responsible for providing the certificate to their agency, and it is at the agency's discretion whether or not to count participation toward training credits. To be eligible with your agency to receive training credits, each participant will need to turn in to their agency a copy of each certificate, and it is beneficial to also provide them the schedule of the conference. There is no need to sign up for adoptive/foster training credit.

An additional registration will be required for all **licensed professionals** seeking continuing education credits by going to [www.showhope.org/ceu](http://www.showhope.org/ceu)