

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 24 & 25 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:

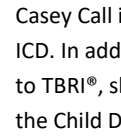
- Adoptive and foster parents
- Those considering adoption or foster care
- Social workers
- Agency professionals
- Church staff and ministry leaders
- Counselors and therapists

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



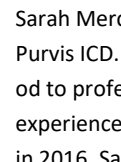
Daren Jones is a Training Specialist with the Karen Purvis ICD. He began his career as a behavior instructor of a therapeutic day treatment program serving children & youth who could no longer function in a regular school setting. He spent 12 years serving within residential & foster care settings as a direct-care worker, residential group home supervisor, Licensed Child Care Administrator & trainer.



Casey Call is the Assistant Director at the Karen Purvis ICD. In addition to research and outreach connected to TBRI®, she also teaches & advises TCU students in the Child Development programs. Casey is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor. She's earned advanced degrees in elementary education, counseling, & developmental psychology, & is passionate about bringing trauma-informed interventions into the educational system.



Ryan & Kayla North are Empowered to Connect Parent Trainers. They have 6 children through birth & foster care adoptions. Since beginning their foster care journey in 2004, they have welcomed nearly 30 foster children into their home. Ryan serves as the Executive Director of Tapestry, the Adoption & Foster Care Ministry of Irving Bible Church. Kayla recently left her role as a third grade teacher to be a stay at home mom.



Sarah Mercado is a Training Specialist with the Karen Purvis ICD. Her main focus is teaching the TBRI® method to professionals who work with children who have experienced trauma. Prior to joining the Purvis Institute in 2016, 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.



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. It is their heart's desire for every child to have a family. They are committed to helping educate & prepare families for the adoption journey & empowering them with tools to help children heal while maintaining healthy families.



**APRIL 24 & 25, 2020**



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## FRIDAY, APRIL 24 ITINERARY

- 9am Welcome & What is TBRI®?
- 9:45am *A Paradigm Shift, Part 1* — Daren Jones
- 11am Break
- 11:15am *A Paradigm Shift, Part 2* — Daren Jones
- 12:15pm OFFSITE Lunch
- 1:15pm *Connecting: Attachment is Developmental* — Dr. Casey Call
- 2:30pm *Connecting: Healing Through Relationships* — Dr. Casey Call
- 3:30pm Break
- 3:45pm *What About You?* — Ryan & Kayla North
- 4:55pm Closing Remarks



*Coffee, water and light refreshments will be provided during the morning and afternoon breaks. There will be an hour 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 25 ITINERARY

- 9am Welcome
- 9:15am *Empowering: Preparing the Body & Environment* — Sarah Mercado
- 10:15am *Empowering: Meeting Sensory Needs* — Sarah Mercado
- 11am Break
- 11:15am *Correcting: Recognizing the Need Behind Behavior, Part 1* — Daren Jones
- 12:15pm OFFSITE Lunch
- 1:15pm *Correcting: Recognizing the Need Behind Behavior, Part 2* — Daren Jones
- 2:30pm *Advocating for Children* — Dr. Casey Call, Ryan & Kayla North
- 3:30pm Break
- 3:45pm *Panel: Where Do I Start?* — All speakers
- 4:45pm Closing Remarks

BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING  
TO FAMILIES.

## ETC Conference Registration

April 24 & 25, 2020

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.*