



Family & Professional Partnerships

Joining Forces for a Good Life
**12th Annual Joining Forces:
Supporting Family-Professional
Partnerships Conference**

March 29th, 2019

Moore Norman Technology Center
13301 S. Pennsylvania
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Hosted By:



Mission: To provide learning opportunities for supporting individuals and families through partnerships of community members, agencies, and organizations throughout Oklahoma.

Overview: The *12th Annual Joining Forces: Supporting Family-Professional Partnerships Conference* brings together local, state and national leaders to discuss best practices and promising practices in the area of family-professional partnerships. Participants gain knowledge and practical tools to use as they work together in support of a good life for the person with special health care needs, intellectual disabilities and other Oklahomans. The conference also offers opportunities for making connections with professionals, families and others for future partnership activities.

Goals of the Conference

- *Increase awareness of importance of family and professional partnerships*
- *Increase family partnerships in the development, implementation and evaluation of programs*
- *Increase leadership and partnership skills*
- *Identify opportunities for family leadership*
- *Support professional and family members as they partner to improve services for a “good life”*



Today is a great day for partnering! If you have a concern you want to address, please see a conference committee member or someone at the registration desk to ask for a concern card. Write your concern and where you want it directed so the appropriate agency, organization or individual can address your concern following the conference.

Welcome to the **Joining Forces: Supporting Family/Professional Partnerships Conference!** We're glad you are here. If you need anything today, please find a conference planning committee member or ask someone at the registration desk to assist you.

Conference Planning Committee

Special thanks to the 2019 Conference Planning Committee and the Organization and/or Agency they represent, for contributing many hours in the planning and preparation for this year's conference.

Amy Baustert	Gerri Mullendore	Becky O'Dell
Joni Bruce	Wanda Felty	Canielle Preston
Robyn Boswell	Jennifer Gibson	Heather Pike
Lori Chestnut	Brandi Hurley	Jenifer Randle
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Angela Dickson	Alicia Lincoln	Carla McCarrell-Williams
Jill Elsberry		

Modeling Family-Professional Partnerships: The conference planning committee consists of agency, organization and family members. The focus of this year's conference is based on input from the committee as well as those who attended the conference in 2018.

"Green" Conference: Through OFN's continued efforts to be environmentally conscious, attendees will receive any available conference speaker presentations and handouts via email upon request or on the OFN website following the conference. In addition, Moore Norman Technology Center offers limited free wi-fi.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

2019 Keynote Speaker:

Byron Jackson ~ Possibilities, Inc.

Interim Executive Director

I was born in Lawton Oklahoma and raised in Denver to two lovely parents. I attended the University of Oklahoma receiving a degree in Social Work in 1980. The early part of my career I worked in Substance abuse working with families and teenagers affected by addiction. Since the 90's my work has centered on helping diverse groups of people to work, live and play together. I'm not a really old kindergarten teacher.

I have been fortunate to train around the US and internationally. With groups as diverse as Doctors to gang leaders. What I have learned is that I have no answers to the problems of today. What I do have is a belief that we each hold the key to our joy inside of our own hearts. I have been blessed with having a life where my role is to help others find their key.





2019 Joining Forces ~ Conference Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Conference Registration and Coffee and Vendor Tables
9:00 - 9:20 AM	Welcome and Overview of the Day
9:20 - 10:15 AM	Keynote Speaker ~ Byron Jackson, Possibilities, Inc. Widening Your Circle
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Stretch and Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Breakout Sessions with State Agencies DHS Developmental Disability Services – Room A Ok State Dept of Health/DHS Children w/ Special Health Care Needs– Room B Ok State Dept of Education/Department of Rehabilitation Services – Room D Ok Dept of Mental Health and Substance Abuse - Room E (see Breakout Session Details in packet)
11:30- 12:30 PM	Lunch and Networking
12:30 - 12:45 PM	Byron Jackson ~ Networking
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Round Table Networking Opportunity
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Breakout Session (Repeat)
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Closing Session: Tell Me Something GOOD! ~ Wanda Felty Wrap-Up, Evaluations and Closing

2019 Breakout Sessions:

Agency Leaders and Family Leaders will work together on programs and priorities to improve relationships, partnerships and collaborations. The outcome for each session will be determined by the agency and family leader facilitating the session. These sessions provide opportunities for family leaders to provide the family voice and experience. It is our hope that connections will be made to allow for these conversations and work to continue throughout the year. The ultimate goal is to create an environment of trust and teams to create a community and systems so every Oklahoman can have access to the services and supports needed for their Good Life!



Conference Follow Up – My “TO DO” List ~



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This conference is coordinated by the Oklahoma Family Network, Oklahoma's Family-to-Family Health Information Center and a partner in the Children's Behavioral Health Network, in partnership with: Center for Learning and Leadership (Oklahoma UCEDD), Oklahoma Department of Human Services Developmental Disabilities Services and Children With Special Healthcare Needs, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities), Sooner SUCCESS, and Oklahoma State Department of Education.

