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Child Policy Forum Featuring Luncheon Presentation by Renowned Child Development Expert Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

On **Thursday, November 20**, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families will host a Child Policy Forum at Monona Terrace, featuring a special luncheon presentation, **“Touchpoints: Building Families, Strengthening Communities,”** by **Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and Dr. Joshua Sparrow**. The event will take place from **noon to 1:30pm**.

Dr. Brazelton, Professor Emeritus at Harvard Medical School and founder of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Children’s Hospital in Boston, and Dr. Sparrow, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School and Director of Special Initiatives at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center, will explore how the concept of Touchpoints can offer the child and the family opportunities to work through difficult, yet predictable phases of development.

T. Berry Brazelton MD is acclaimed for his decades of pioneering efforts in early childhood development and pediatrics. Many parents know him as author of the best selling *Touchpoints* books, a weekly *New York Times Syndicate* column, “Families Today,” and as the host of the Emmy-winning cable television program *What Every Baby Knows*, which ran for 12 years. He has been described as “America’s most celebrated and influential baby doctor since Benjamin Spock.”

A graduate of Yale Medical School, Dr. Joshua Sparrow went through residency training and child psychiatry fellowship at Harvard Medical School teaching hospitals and is board certified in child/adolescent and general psychiatry. Dr. Sparrow’s work with the Brazelton Touchpoints Center has included consultation on child development and parenting to the Harlem Children’s Zone and to American Indian Early Head Start Programs. Dr. Sparrow has co-authored eight books with Dr. Brazelton, and has lectured extensively on child and adolescent development.

For more information about the Child Policy Forum, visit http://www.wccf.org/event_policy_forum_2008.php, or contact Wenona Wolf at (608) 284-0580, ext. 304 or wwolf@wccf.org.

For more information about the Brazelton Touchpoints Center, visit <http://www.touchpoints.org>.

To arrange an interview with Dr. Brazelton and Dr. Sparrow, contact Suzanne Otcasek, executive assistant to Dr. Brazelton, at (857) 218-4352 or suzanne.otcasek@childrens.harvard.edu.