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Child Policy Forum to Focus on Impact of Childhood Trauma
Event Will Feature Luncheon Presentation by Renowned Neuroscientist Bruce Perry

On **Wednesday, November 14**, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services will present **“What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us About Loss, Love and Healing,”** a Child Policy Forum featuring a luncheon presentation by renowned neuroscientist and childhood trauma expert **Dr. Bruce Perry**. The event will take place from **noon to 2:00pm at the Concourse Hotel, 1 W. Dayton St., Madison.**

Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD is Senior Fellow of the ChildTrauma Academy, a not-for-profit organization based in Houston that promotes innovations in service, research and education in child maltreatment and childhood trauma (www.ChildTrauma.org). Dr. Perry is the co-author, with Maia Szalavitz, of *[The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog: What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us about Loss, Love and Healing](#)*, a popular book based on his work with children, published by Basic Books. Over the last fifteen years, Dr. Perry has been an active teacher, clinician and researcher in children’s mental health and the neurosciences, holding a variety of academic positions.



Dr. Bruce Perry

Dr. Perry’s clinical research over the last ten years has been focused on integrating concepts of developmental neuroscience and child development into clinical practices. This work has resulted in the development of innovative clinical practices and programs working with maltreated and traumatized children. The ChildTrauma Academy’s programs are in partnership with multiple sectors of the community and in context of public-private partnerships with the goal of promoting positive change within the primary institutions that work with high risk children such as child protective services, mental health, public education and juvenile justice. Dr. Perry is the author of over 300 journal articles, book chapters and scientific proceedings, and is the recipient of numerous professional awards and honors, including the T. Berry Brazelton Infant Mental Health Advocacy Award, the Award for Leadership in Public Child Welfare and the Alberta Centennial Medal. He has presented about child maltreatment, children’s mental health, neurodevelopment and youth violence in a variety of venues including the White House Summit on Violence, the California Assembly and U.S. House Committee on Education. Dr. Perry has been featured in a

wide range of media including National Public Radio, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Nightline, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, ABC and CBS News and the Oprah Winfrey Show, and his work has been featured in numerous documentaries. Many print media have also

highlighted his clinical and research activities, including a Pulitzer-prize winning series in the *Chicago Tribune*, *US News and World Report*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Forbes ASAP*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*.

For more information about the Child Policy Forum, contact the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families at (608) 284-0580.