

## **The PersonBrain™ Model**

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Nashville, Tennessee



### **Using Neuroscience to Connect with Children and Youth**

Designed specifically for those who work with children and youth, The PersonBrain™ Model provides a high quality, multi-theoretical training approach that combines neuroscience with positive and practical mental health interventions. Drawing on social, emotional, ecological and neuro-relational sciences, this innovative model incorporates promising approaches that will transform how adults work with children and youth forever!

Combining the neurosciences with mental health strategies is only natural and makes perfect sense. After all, we are our life experiences and our brains absorb these experiences and responds to the environment in some way, either positively or negatively. In order to change lives, we must change the brain. In fact, successful therapy occurs when you change the brain for the better!

### **Understanding the Brain Empowers Adults with Critical Skills**

When caring adults understand the design and function of the brain, behavior is easier to understand and treat with positive strategies. When adults fail to understand the reactions produced by the brain, they often become frustrated and feel unable to work with challenging scenarios. When this happens, children are left without the support and guidance they need. They are essentially left untreated.

Treatment must first begin with brain-based understanding of the nature of behavior and this understanding is essential to transforming children and youth to their fullest potential.

As people and their brains are constantly connecting to the ecology around them, trained adults must shape the people and events within the ecology to meet the needs of the brain. We become critical elements of change in the life of the child or youth. The role of the helping adult is critical and with PersonBrain™ knowledge, adults will have the skills necessary to feel confident and effective with challenging youth.

This model explores practical ways adults can shape experience by shaping the ecology and naturally increase therapeutic success for children and youth experiencing problems:

- Aggression
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Autism
- Defiance
- Trauma
- Anger
- Attachment
- Social Skills

The PersonBrain™ Model is comprehensive and innovative. Participants will be exposed to practical knowledge and strategies steeped in neuroscience that will improve the lives of children and youth. Participants will explore concepts and applications that will enhance their professional skills and provide tools necessary for successful intervention. Techniques from The PersonBrain™ Model are being utilized around the world to transform child and youth care work.

### **Who Should Attend:**

Psychologists, social workers, educators, child and youth care workers, administrators, juvenile justice workers, police officers, foster parents, and others who work directly with children and youth.

**Daily Schedule:** 8:30 a.m. . 4:30 p.m. (Lunch included)

## About the Trainer

**Dr. Paul Baker**, a developmental neuropsychologist, is the regional program director of NorthStar Educational and Therapeutic Services, Canton, Georgia; past president of the Georgia Psychoeducational Network/ Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Supports (GNETS); and is founder and president of Compassion Associates International, LLC. Dr. Baker is the author of the *PersonBrain® Model: Helping Youth in Crisis*. His experience in merging brain-based science with strength-based psychological treatment has been instrumental in changing mental health and educational programs across the United States, Canada, and internationally. He has made contributions to major journals and well-known publications in working with children and youth. Dr. Baker's dynamic approach to professional development engages participants across a wide variety of cultures and encourages them to work with troubled children in more innovative and brain-friendly ways. In addition, Paul serves as a senior trainer for the Response Ability Pathways (RAP) and Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) models.



## Optional College Credit

Participants can enroll for three semester hours of graduate workshop college credit in either Psychology or Special Education. Cost of this optional college credit is \$300 US Funds. Registration forms and course syllabus will be available at the training. Payment for college credit is made payable to **Reclaiming Youth** and given to the instructor at the training. College credit is offered through a collaborative program between Augustana College & Reclaiming Youth.

## Training Site and Accommodations

**Holiday Inn Express (Downtown)** (Phone #615-244-0150) Website: [www.hiexndt.com](http://www.hiexndt.com)  
920 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Room Rate: \$120 + tax (single/double) Hotel deadline for group rate: September 9, 2009  
Parking Fee: \$10 per night (special rate for RYI guests only)

Conveniently located just 8 miles from Nashville International Airport, the Holiday Inn Express Nashville-Downtown is the largest Holiday Inn Express in the world! It is centrally located to Music Row and the Downtown Entertainment District - including the Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame, Legends Corner, and the famous Wildhorse Saloon.

Amenities include complimentary wireless high speed Internet access, 32+ plasma TV, microwave, fridge, coffee maker, ironing board and hair dryer in every room. Guests may also enjoy the complimentary Express Start Breakfast each morning, a state-of-the-art fitness center and hotel gift shop. A complimentary shuttle is available to local attractions within a 2-mile radius.

## Travel Arrangements

All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Taxi service is available throughout the city. Shuttle service is also available from the Nashville Airport to the hotel via the ~~%~~Airport Shuttle+. The cost is approximately \$12 one way. Estimated travel time is approximately 15 minutes.

**Registration Fee** (includes two-day workshop, training materials, and lunches)

**\$350** (U.S. Funds) Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

**Deadline to register: September 14<sup>th</sup>** (Subject to space availability\*) \*Limited to 40 participants

### **To Register / Contact Us:**

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