

**Award-Winning Neuroscience Researcher and Author
Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D.,
Guest Speaker at Luncheon Benefiting the YWCA**

**Annual “Attorneys Serving the Community” Luncheon Raises Funds
for the YWCA’s Nurse-Family Partnership Program**

DALLAS (March 9, 2010) – Dr. Bruce Perry, a neuroscience and clinical researcher and co-author of *The Boy Who was Raised as a Dog: What Traumatized Children can Teach Us About Loss, Love and Healing*, has been selected as the speaker for this year’s Attorneys Serving the Community (ASC) luncheon benefiting the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program of the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas (YWCA). The luncheon will take place on Friday, June 25, 2010 at noon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

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Dr. Perry is the Senior Fellow of The ChildTrauma Academy. His clinical research and practice has focused on high-risk children and long-term effects of neglect and trauma in children, adolescents and adults. This work has been instrumental in describing how childhood experiences, including neglect and traumatic stress, change the biology of the brain and, thereby, the health of the child.

Many community and governmental agencies have consulted Dr. Perry following high-profile incidents involving traumatized children including the Branch Davidian siege, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Columbine school shootings, the September 11th terrorist attacks and the Katrina and Rita hurricanes.

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. Dr. Perry’s work has been featured in documentaries produced by Dateline NBC, 20/20, the BBC, Nightline, CBC, PBS, as well as international documentaries. Many print media have highlighted the clinical and research activities of Dr. Perry including a Pulitzer-prize winning series in the *Chicago Tribune*, *US News and World Report*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Forbes*, *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*. Dr. Perry has presented about child maltreatment, children's mental health, neurodevelopment and youth violence in a variety of venues including policy-making bodies such as the White House Summit on Violence.

The YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas is the community leader on women’s issues and is dedicated to addressing the most critical needs for women and families in the Dallas area. The NFP program partners low-income, first-time mothers with a registered nurse. Nurses and their clients make a two-and-one-half year commitment to each other, with 64 planned home visits between pregnancy and the child’s second birthday.



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NFP boasts proven results evidenced by trial research including improved prenatal health, fewer childhood injuries, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased intervals between births, increased maternal employment and improved school readiness. Improved child health and development outcomes observed in the trial research programs include up to 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect and 29% fewer injuries among children. Remarkably, research has shown that children whose mothers participated in NFP demonstrated increased school readiness including up to 50% reduction in language development delays in children aged 21 months, 67% reduction in behavioral and intellectual problems at age six and 26% improvement in math and reading achievement test scores at grades one through three.

Founded in 1987, Attorneys Serving the Community is a volunteer organization of women attorneys committed to raising awareness and support for local charities in the Dallas metropolitan area. Each year ASC selects a beneficiary, and ASC members actively work to raise contributions for the beneficiary, including organizing ASC's annual benefit luncheon.

The public is invited to hear Dr. Bruce Perry speak and to support the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas and its Nurse-Family Partnership program at this year's ASC luncheon. For information on sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please contact Jennifer Ware at the YWCA at 214-584-2314 or jware@ywcadallas.org. For information about the YWCA, visit www.ywcadallas.org. For information about ASC, visit www.ascdallas.com.