

DOING FINE, OKLAHOMA????

Increase in
confirmed cases of
child abuse from
2010 to 2013:

60.6%

U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services

**Mary Abbott House and
Memorial Presbyterian Church
of Norman**

are co-sponsoring a forum on

**Child Abuse
in Oklahoma**

Panelists Include:

Clint Williams - Director, Mary Abbott House

Katie Fitzgerald - Director, Center For Children and Families, Inc. (CCFI, Inc.)

Travis Humphrey - Director, Bethesda, Inc.

Terry Smith - Director, Oklahoma Institute For Child Advocacy

Kellee Robertson - Detective, Child Victims Unit, Norman Police Department

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**Memorial Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
601 24th St SW
Norman, OK 73072
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**November 13
6:30-8:30 pm**

Child Abuse in Oklahoma

Presented by Mary Abbott House and
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Welcoming Remarks

Rev. Tracy Evans

Introductions

Harry Wright, Ph.D.

Video Presentation

Panel Discussion

Questions from Audience

Fellowship & Refreshments

Thank you for attending this informational program!

Please note:

The respective agencies and programs represented on the forum panel have made brochures and pamphlets regarding their work in the community available. Please feel free to take any information you need.

Program Panelists

Clint Williams: Mr. Williams has been the Executive Director of the Mary Abbott Children's House in Norman since January 2012. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. Previous to his current position, he served as Executive Director of the Xenia Institute—a program dedicated to dialogue training and fostering public discourse. Mr. Williams also represents Ward 2 on the Norman City Council.

Katie Fitzgerald, MSW: Ms. Fitzgerald is the Executive Director of the Center for Children and Families, Inc. which works through child abuse treatment and prevention to improve conditions and outcomes for vulnerable children, youth and families. CCFI, Inc. serves Cleveland County and surrounding communities, and also works in cooperation with Boys and Girls Club of Norman. Ms. Fitzgerald has spent her career in the private, not-for profit sector, both in Oklahoma and Michigan. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Terry Smith: Mr. Smith is the President/CEO of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy which informs and educates state policy makers and other citizens on the importance of investing wisely in children families. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Oklahoma Champions for Early Opportunities (OKCEO) and Prevent Child Abuse Oklahoma. Mr. Smith has served his career in a variety of agencies which serve children who have been abused and neglected.

Travis Humphrey, M.Div.: Mr. Humphrey is the Executive Director of Bethesda, Inc. located in Norman. Bethesda, Inc. helps children and families heal from the emotional trauma of sexual abuse, engages in strategic efforts to raise awareness of the issue of sexual abuse, as well as, raises the community's knowledge of where to seek professional services. Mr. Humphrey has served in a variety of not-for profits which have focused on public health issues. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and received a Masters of Divinity from Oklahoma Christian University.

Kellee Robertson, Detective: Ms. Robertson is a member of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Norman Police Department, and is assigned to the Mary Abbott Children's House as a Child Victim Detective. Since 2013, she has worked over 100 cases involving child abuse, neglect, or exploitation. She is a member of the Oklahoma Internet Crimes Against Children task force and she serves as an instructor on Child Abuse and Neglect for various police forces throughout Oklahoma including Norman.

Harry W. Wright, Ph.D.: Dr. Wright serves as the forum moderator and is a Ruling Elder on the Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is a clinical psychologist with 35 years of experience and is an adjunct professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Oklahoma. In his past clinical experience, he has worked with children and adults who have been victimized by childhood abuse.

Mary Abbott Children's House in Norman is a safe place for children to tell their stories after a sexual or severe physical trauma. The Mary Abbott House's staff provide acute sexual exams when necessary and offer reassurance and wellness checks to every child who comes through its doors. Mary Abbott Children's House served nineteen counties last year.

Memorial Presbyterian Church has been witnessing the love of God in this community for over 50 years. Our mission is to be an accepting and open faith community, which serves to be a light to the world by sharing the redeeming love of God, as revealed in Jesus Christ. Memorial Presbyterian Church believes that a part of our work involves dealing with issues of social justice, such as this forum on child abuse.

We thank all who have made the forum possible,
including those in attendance.



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