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EFFECTIVELY PARENTING THE TRAUMATIZED CHILD**

**A COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
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On **Saturday, July 16, 2005**, Heidi Hendricks, MA, LPC, will present a three-hour workshop on how to effectively parent children who are coming from backgrounds of abuse and neglect. What happens to children who are traumatized and how can parents serve as change agents for their children?

Heidi Hendricks, Regional Director of Child Welfare League of America, was a former foster parent as well as a Clinical Therapist and Residential Program Director who specialized in working with high-risk children and families. She trains foster and adoptive parents on better ways to understand and respond to the issues of trauma when interacting with the children they love and care for.

During this same time period, for those who are seeking to learn more about foster care and adoption, Adoption will present a three-hour workshop that educates families about waiting children, the adoption process, and on-going adoption support systems. A panel of adoptive families will share their experiences with participants.

Immediately following the two workshops, there will be a luncheon/networking meeting with a presentation by Rebekah McKay-Gordon, a woman who grew up in foster care and has now reached out to provide hope and opportunities to other children growing up in foster care.

There is no charge for this conference and luncheon but, because we are serving lunch, you must have reservations. In order to reserve space, please call 713.333.2238 no later than July 12. Foster parents will receive training hours and CEUs will be available.

We hope that you will join us at this very special presentation being held at the Hilton Houston Southwest Hotel, 6780 Southwest Freeway (between Hillcroft and Fondren) from 9:00 am – noon.

For information or questions, please call Laurie Glaze, 713.333.2232. Child care will not be provided.

We look forward to seeing you!