



## **Bridging the Gap: Research, Practice and Policy**

### **The Benefits for Children and Their Families**

#### **A Free Community Meeting Presented by Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County**

Tuesday, June 5, 2007  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Texas Christian University  
Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center  
2820 Stadium Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76109

It takes an average of 17 years to bring successful research results to the practice of mental health care. How can we speed that process while having an impact on the policy that will allow the changes to happen?

Join other family members and consumers in learning more about this crucial issue and the commitment Tarrant County agencies and individuals have made to improve the process.

#### **Speakers:**



Lee LeGrice, PhD, is executive director of programs for Lena Pope Home, Inc., in Fort Worth. She is currently leading the agency in identifying and implementing evidence-based practices across all programs. Dr. LeGrice received a Master's degree and PhD in Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington.



David Cross, PhD, is director of developmental research at TCU and a professor of child development. Karyn Purvis, PhD, is director of the Institute of Child Development at TCU. During their ten years of collaboration, Dr. Cross and Dr. Purvis have gathered eight years worth of data that have been used to empower parents and their children. Both are personally interested in the topic. Dr. Cross spent most of his childhood in foster homes, and Dr. Purvis has served as a foster parent for many at-risk children.

#### **For more information:**

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