CCFI to Host Exclusive Trauma Training with Dr. Joseph Spinazzola
We are excited to announce an exclusive complex trauma training presented by Joseph Spinazzola, Ph. D., Executive Director of the Dante Dieso Foundation Trust, Adjunct Professor at Richmond Graduate University and Former Executive Director of The Trauma Center at Justice Resource Institute. This 3-part training series, scheduled to be held at J.D. McCarty Conference Center March 6-9, will focus on The Complexity of Adaptation to Trauma, Attachment, Regulation and Competency (ARC) and The Transformative Power of Action (Trauma Drama).

Click HERE to learn more about each session and/or to *register!

About Dr. Spinazzola
Joseph Spinazzola, Ph.D., a trauma-specialty psychotherapist, trainer and consultant in private practice, was a clinician, researcher, clinical supervisor, and national trainer for the Trauma Center for over 18 years, including 12 as Executive Director. Dr. Spinazzola is an Adjunct Professor at Richmond Graduate University, a member of the Forensic Panel, and Executive Director of the Foundation Trust. A recognized leader in the area of complex traumatic stress, he’s published over 60 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters on the diagnosis, assessment and treatment of complex trauma in children and adults. Dr. Spinazzola is a lead national trainer in the ARC model as well as the lead developer of Trauma Drama, an intervention utilizing improvisational theater, cooperative play and transformative action to reset developmental trajectories for youth and young adults impacted by maltreatment, neglect, exploitation, discrimination and other forms of life adversity.

*Space is limited. Registration ends February 28th.
Unique Support & Services Offered to Teen Parents

At CCFI, we believe in helping parents raise their children to the best of their ability, and for teen parents, this process can look a little different. One way we focus on teen parents is through Baby Steps, an early child development center operated by Crossroads Youth and Family Early Head Start. In conjunction with Norman Public Schools, Baby Steps was first opened by Junior League of Norman in 1993.

The facility’s main objective is to support young parents as they complete their high school education by providing childcare at little to no cost during school hours coupled with educational parenting classes. Currently, there are 16 moms and 7 dads utilizing these services. Of this group of teens, CCFI staff is helping 5 moms and 2 dads learn to cope with the unique challenges of teen parenting through case management, resource and referral and other assistance, such as transportation and additional support at doctor’s appointments.

Another way CCFI assists teen parents is through our Bringing Up Babies program. CCFI’s Parent Educator provides home visits to ensure basic needs are met, which sometimes means having more frequent visits with young mothers and fathers. One of our main objectives for parents is goal setting along with striving for healthier, more cohesive relationships at home.

Our overall goal is to help teen parents become independent and encourage them to finish their education to ensure they become productive citizens and effective, nurturing parents.

To learn more about Bringing Up Babies, click HERE.

Hands & Hearts Fundraising Luncheon Set for April 20th

Every spring, CCFI hosts its annual Hands & Hearts fundraising luncheon to support vital programs and services for children in our community. We are extremely appreciative of the community members, donors and friends who join us each year to help raise funds and awareness for our agency.

To learn more about Hands & Hearts, please visit our website or contact Jodana Borden at 405-364-1420 or jborden@ccfinorman.org.

We also have corporate sponsorship opportunities available HERE.
BGCN Selects Youth of the Month and Athletes of the Month for January

The Elementary Youth of the Month for January is Holden Ramos, whose continually positive attitude and outstanding leadership set him above his peers. The Teen Youth of the Month for January is Breison Yeary, who received this award due to his help with younger members and exemplary leadership skills.

Youth of the Month

Holden
Caroline
Breison

For January’s Athletes of the Month, the Club is honoring Kaylor Jones, Caroline Autry and Caleb Mata. Kaylor always has a positive attitude in the gym and encourages his peers to participate. Caroline displays great sportsmanship in the gym and continually shows respect for others. Caleb demonstrates leadership in the gym and sets a fantastic example for younger members.

Congratulations, Club members!

Agency Volunteer Needs

Did you know our agency relies on volunteers to help us fulfill our mission each and every day? We offer a variety of opportunities, available year-round, for individuals and organizations who are interested in making a difference in a child’s life. We are currently seeking Boys & Girls Club volunteers for our summer program, among others.

If you would like to join our team as a volunteer, please contact Melanie Hetherington at 405-364-1420 or mhetherington@ccfinorman.org.

Learn More

*Must be 18 or older to volunteer in direct services with children at CCFI. Younger children can volunteer with adult supervision in special assignments. All volunteers must pass a background check and complete training.
Our offices will be closed
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
in observance of President's Day.

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