FOSTERING YOUNG BRAINS

Great Hall, Seattle Town Hall
Wednesday, May 29, 7:30pm

Advance tickets are $5 at
www.townhallseattle.org or
888-377-4510

In celebration of National Foster Care Month, Treehouse has partnered with Amara, Casey Family Programs and Town Hall in presenting an educational event on May 29 featuring renowned molecular biologist, Dr. John Medina, author of Brain Rules and Brain Rules for Baby as well as Dr. William C. Bell, president and CEO of Casey Family Programs and national thought leader in child welfare.

As her senior year comes to a close, Anna is "looking forward to being free and pursuing my interests. I want to go to New York and go to college for culinary arts." As she gets ready to graduate, Katy is helping Anna make a plan for the future by exploring options to continue cultivating her culinary skills.

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To ensure the best possible enrollment experience, Michelle and Camille stay in communication with some of our most important and valued partners – caregivers and social workers. They spend the majority of their time out of the office meeting and educating partner agencies, organizations and individuals in our community about Treehouse programs and services.

Michelle and Camille also work directly with caregivers at foster parent trainings and support groups. This personal interaction not only helps caregivers learn about the resources that Treehouse offers youth, it also helps Treehouse to more effectively assist caregivers and help youth to succeed in and out of the classroom.

When they aren’t making the Treehouse referral process a little easier, Michelle and Camille are free to contact Michelle or Camille today! Email referrals@treehouseforkids.org or call 888-377-4510.

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Foster youth in King County will graduate with a plan for their future by 2017.

We hope that you will join us to learn more about the importance of emotional stability and educational supports for a child’s brain development and their ability to thrive – specifically in school.

Dr. Medin’s talk will focus on the relationship between stable families, growing brains, and a child’s ability to learn. He will explain that science shows that for a child’s brain to develop and thrive, environmental conditions play a vital role and emotional stability at home is the single greatest predictor of a child’s academic success.

Dr. Bell will speak to the importance of stability and educational supports for children in foster care.

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**CALENDAR**

| MAY       |       |       |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SUNDAY    | MONDAY| TUESDAY| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |       |       |       |
| 12        | 13    |       | 14   | 15    | 16    | 17    | 18    | 19    | 20    |
|           |       |       | Wearhouse 2-7 pm | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-2pm |       |       |       |
| 19        | 20    | 21    | 22   | 23    | 24    | 25    |       |       |       |
|           | Treehouse Closed | Wearhouse 2-7 pm |       | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse Closed |       |       |       |
| 26        | 27    | 28    | 29   | 30    | 31    |       |       |       |       |
|           | Treehouse Closed | Wearhouse 2-7 pm |     | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-4pm |       |       |       |       |
| JUN       |       |       |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 2         | 3     | 4     | 5    | 6     | 7     | 8     |       |       |       |
|           |       | Wearhouse 2-7 pm |       | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-2pm |       |       |       |
| 9         | 10    | 11    | 12   | 13    | 14    | 15    |       |       |       |
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| JULY      |       |       |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 30        | 1     | 2     | 3    | 4     | 5     | 6     |       |       |       |
|           |       | Wearhouse 2-7 pm |       | Treehouse Closed | Wearhouse 10am-4pm | Wearhouse 10am-2pm |       |       |       |
| 7         | 8     | 9     | 10   | 11    | 12    | 13    |       |       |       |
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**The Wearhouse:** TUES 2-7 PM, THUR 10-4 PM, 3RD SAT 10 AM-2 PM

You can shop for each youth up to 5 times per school year (with one “freebie” extra holiday-themed visit in December). We ask that you wait at least 30 days between visits, and arrive at least one hour before closing time to allow for enough time to shop. Please bring a photo ID (for caregiver or child) to show at check-in.

**TLC Hours:** Mondays – Thursdays 2:45-6pm through June 12th

**Girls Group 5/30 6-8pm**

Girls Group meets once a month. Transportation home after Girl’s Group is available. To join, call Stephanie Neil at (206) 267-5168.

**BOYS Group 5/29 6-8pm**

Boys Group meets once a month. To join, call Sam Martin at (206) 267-5148.

**Town Hall Event: Fostering Young Brains**
May 29, 7:30pm
See pg. 1 for details

**ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH:**

**FALL SPORTS**

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Would your youth be interested in trying out for a fall sport or any other extracurricular activity?

Call Little Wishes to find out how to get them started at (206) 267-5125. We can help you find a league in your area and help pay for some of the membership and equipment costs.

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR ENRICHMENT REFERRALS**

The annual referral period is coming up for youth served by Treehouse Enrichment Programs: Wearhouse, Little Wishes and Summer Camp. Please contact your social worker and ask them to submit a new referral during the month of JULY to ensure uninterrupted Treehouse Enrichment services. Beginning August 1st, 2013, all youth who access these programs will not be served without a new referral.

**NOTE:** Youth who also access our Education programs (Educational Advocacy and Graduation Success) will remain eligible for Enrichment services and do NOT need a new referral to be served past the July 31st, 2013 date. All students will require a new Release of Information signed for the 2013-14 School Year. If you have questions, please contact Michelle McBrein, Outreach & Intake Coordinator at referrals@treehouseforkids.org or call 1-206-267-5140.

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