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### Youthville Adopts Child Trauma Academy's Internationally Acclaimed Clinical Framework

*Wichita, Kan., Aug. 28, 2008* – Youthville is hosting a two-day presentation, September 2 & 3, for staff and invited community guests by Dr. Bruce Perry, child psychiatrist, researcher, author and internationally recognized expert in the field of child trauma. The presentation will take place at Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple, Wichita, Kan.

As one of the largest, most widely recognized nonprofit privatized child welfare agencies in Kansas, Youthville is adopting Dr. Perry's Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) as its new clinical framework. Dr. Perry's visit to Wichita will provide a kick-off to a two-year process through which Youthville will gain Institutional Certification through the Child Trauma Academy.

"I am very excited about this clinical model that will enhance the way Youthville helps children and families in the community and throughout Kansas," said Shelley Duncan, Youthville President and CEO. "Incorporating this stronger clinical model with the families we serve will increase children's ability to heal and accomplish our mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood."

Over the last two decades, Dr. Perry has conducted extensive and groundbreaking research regarding the impact of early childhood trauma upon the developing brain that has revolutionized the field of child psychiatry. Based upon this research, Dr. Perry and his colleagues at the Child Trauma Academy developed a clinical framework called the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT). Research on NMT has found it to be highly effective in mitigating and correcting the negative effects of exposure to early childhood trauma. More information can be found on Dr. Perry and his research at [www.childtrauma.org](http://www.childtrauma.org).

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, counseling and psychiatric residential treatment. The agency cares for more than 1800 children on any given day. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org)

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