



# 13th Annual Child Abuse Prevention

## CONFERENCE

Amarillo, Texas

*Presented in Recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)*

Thursday  
March 28, 2013

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Registration/Check-In begins at 7:45 a.m.*

F E A T U R I N G

*LaMarr Darnell Shields*  
**Youth in Crisis:  
Planting Seeds of Resilience**

*Dr. Regina Lewis*  
**Bridges Out of Poverty:  
Strategies for Professionals  
& Communities**



**Amarillo College**  
Criminal Justice Programs

**Cost: \$25.00** (Hamburger lunch included)

*PRPC-sponsored for qualifying law enforcement officers.*

**Location: Amarillo Civic Center  
Grand Plaza**

401 S. Buchanan

Amarillo, Texas 79101

*Located in the southwest corner of the Civic Center at entrances 11/12;  
driving directions and map available at [civicamarillo.com](http://civicamarillo.com)*

**Hotel Reservations:** A block of rooms, with a special rate of \$77 single/double occupancy, has been reserved at the Holiday Inn West Amarillo Medical Center, 8231 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79124, for the night of March 27, 2013. Call (806) 322-4777 for reservations and mention the "Amarillo College-CAP Conference" to receive this special rate.

*Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

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**Target Audience/CEUs:** Law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, caseworkers, CASA volunteers, counselors, nurses, teachers, school administrators, foster or adoptive parents, attorneys, and all other related professionals. **No children allowed.**

Credit hours will be submitted to TCLEOSE and TJJD for approval. CEUs will be awarded for Social Workers and LPC/LMFTs. Amarillo College Center for Continuing Healthcare Education is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Amarillo College is approved by the State Board of Educator Certification as a provider of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). Amarillo College is approved by the Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals Standards Committee, Provider Number 1743-06, to provide 6 hours general and CCJP credit. Expires 08/13. Complaints about provider or workshop content may be directed to the TCLEOSE Standards Committee, 1005 Congress Avenue, Ste. 460, Austin, Texas 78701, Fax Number (512) 476-7297. General CEUs will be awarded to all other participants for individual submission to their respective licensing agencies. For successful completion, this program must be attended in its entirety.

# LaMarr Darnell Shields

## Youth in Crisis: *Planting Seeds of Resilience*



**LaMarr Darnell Shields** is a powerhouse whose advocacy for youth, and those who work with them, is known nationwide. His passion and message of successful living stimulate the minds, hearts and actions of men, women and youth to help them

cope with adversity and create success in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives.

This bilingual activist, author, educator, public speaker, social entrepreneur and Master Teacher, is the co-founder and President Emeritus of the Urban Leadership Institute (ULI). During his twelve-year tenure at ULI, LaMarr created the Paul Robeson Academic International School of Excellence (PRAISE), in collaboration with The Johns Hopkins School of Education, that helps African-American males become competitive applicants to four-year colleges/universities. He also wrote a variety of innovative educational curricula, namely *Dare to Be Queen*, *Hands Off: Strategies to Combat Youth Violence*, and *Rhyme and Reason: A Hip Hop Tool for the Classroom*, that are currently being used by educators, school systems and churches nationwide. LaMarr is a dynamic speaker and has shared his unique approach to reaching today's youth across the United States.

LaMarr has taught at Baltimore City College, the third oldest high school in the country, lived in Latin America, spoken at the Pentagon, the White House, written several articles and books, volunteered with AmeriCorps, served as a core member of Teach for America, and hosted a teen television show.

While his accomplishments are commendable, it is important to note that, due to his poor academic performance and mischievous behavior in school, LaMarr was expelled from a prestigious Catholic High School in Chicago in the 11th grade. After applying to dozens of schools and receiving numerous rejections, he was fortunate to be accepted into another high school

where he became an honor roll student. He went on to become a distinguished graduate at Grambling State University and La Universidad de Coahuila in Mexico, where he majored in Political Science and Spanish. After acquiring his undergraduate degree, he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education from Loyola College of Maryland.

Currently, LaMarr is the Co-founder and Senior Director of Education and Innovation at The Cambio Group. The organization, which means "Change" in Spanish, takes an innovative approach to cultivating, customizing and advancing the mission, short and long-term goals of clients through education, arts and advocacy.

On any given night, there are literally thousands of youth roaming the streets, couch surfing, sleeping in their cars, feeling neglected, being physically and emotionally abused, and taking extreme risks to survive.

**Youth in Crisis** will focus on the application of resiliency concepts and the development of protective factors at a community level and directly with children and youth. LaMarr has designed this interactive presentation to help youth service providers explore concepts associated with resilience, and develop a plan for implementing strengths-based activities.

Additionally, a range of issues to assist individuals with managing stressful situations, abuse, and neglect, developing coping skills, and making decisions and setting goals will be explored. A framework for the development of lifelong learning skills associated with living a more balanced life will be provided. All will be presented as a series of modules, each containing a number of activity options.

Through a series of misfortunes, LaMarr demonstrates the core concepts of resiliency, defines key terms, and addresses strategies for becoming stronger. Whether a seasoned veteran or a novice, you will walk away with a new perspective on effectively working with those in crisis.

# Dr. Regina Lewis

## **Bridges Out of Poverty: *Strategies for Professionals & Communities***



With 15 years of experience in leadership development, **Dr. Regina Lewis** has served diverse clientele – from executives to scholars, government agencies, educational institutions, and nonprofits. Through her travels, Regina has been immersed in many cultures, both

nationally and internationally; her work has taken her to Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and across the United States.

Regina began her extensive work in the area of families and individuals in need as a team member of counselors at the Women's Resource Agency and as the board chair for Pikes Peak Community Action Agency. Regina currently sits on the executive Metro YMCA board of Colorado Springs and Cheyenne Mountain Civic Solutions (CMCS).

At Pikes Peak Community College, Dr. Lewis is the chair of the Communications Department; assistant dean of communications, humanities and technical studies; and director of the Women's Forum. She holds a doctorate in educational leadership, research, and policy; a master's degree in communication; and two bachelor's degrees, one in communication and another in psychology, all from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She has been published in books, journals, and higher educational textbooks. She is certified in Myers Briggs, Workplace Big 5, Firo Business, and Emotional Intelligence.

In **Bridges Out of Poverty**, participants will create a mental model of poverty, review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. The seminar puts into words what many veteran professionals and community members have experienced. Throughout the workshop, participants will receive specific strategies for improving outcomes for people living in poverty, but the focus of the workshop is to provide a broad overview of concepts and is designed for audiences of employers, community organizations, law enforcement, counselors, educators, healthcare, and social service providers.

If you are looking to counter poverty in your community or its impact on people and businesses, explore the innovative concepts and training found in this workshop. It will help your whole community build sustainable success and represents a powerful tool for change.

Bridges training contains case studies, detailed analysis, helpful charts and exercises, and specific solutions you and your organization can implement right now to:

- Redesign programs to better serve people in poverty
- Build skill sets for management to help guide employees
- Upgrade training for front-line staff like receptionists, case workers, and managers
- Improve treatment outcomes in healthcare and behavioral healthcare
- Increase the likelihood of moving from welfare to work

# Conference Sponsors

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Randall County Criminal District Attorney's Office  
Randall County Sheriff's Office  
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Canyon Independent School District  
Canyon ISD Council of PTAs  
Canyon ISD Education Foundation  
Canyon Police Department

Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo  
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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
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Worth the Wait  
Youth Center of the High Plains / Randall County  
Juvenile Probation Department

*Child Abuse Prevention Advocates*

# Easy Online Registration

(for credit/debit card payments only)

1. Go to [econnect.actx.edu](http://econnect.actx.edu)
2. Select "Continuing Education"
3. Click on Register and Pay for Continuing Education Classes
4. Select "Criminal Justice" under Subject Area (leave everything else blank)
5. Click Submit
6. Check "Child Abuse Prevention Conf."
7. Complete registration form and submit with payment using a credit/debit card

## Mail or Fax Registration

(for all payment types)

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Amarillo, TX 79178

Fax: (806) 354-6074

### Registration Form: Child Abuse Prevention Conference – March 28, 2013 – ID #114856

Last 4 Digits of SSN or ACID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Employer or Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Business E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ethnic Origin: (Voluntary Information - Will not affect enrollment)

Are you Hispanic?  Yes  No

What is your race? (check all that may apply):

American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African-American  White  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

I certify that the above information is complete and correct. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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