

The Alliance for Transforming the Lives of Children Announces:

North American Summit2

Bonding and Attachment in the Family:

How Will We Initiate and Actualize Bonding and Attachment as Priorities in North America?

April 29–May 2, 2004, Mount Madonna Center (in the Santa Cruz Mountains near San Francisco, CA)

Summit2 is the second of a series of gatherings sponsored by the Alliance for Transforming the Lives of Children (aTLC)—a network of people and organizations engaged in nurturing the optimal physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual development of children. We bring together a multi-disciplinary population of passionate people to share current scientific evidence, clinical experience, and cross-cultural wisdom and practices that enhance family bonding and attachment. Building on the Alliance's *Blueprint for Transforming the Lives of Children*, participants collaborate in creating a plan to actualize a broad-based social movement throughout North America.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Summit2 is a highly interactive, experiential, and transformational event. We will gather together in large and small groups with the intention of generating action plans that further the social movement to “initiate and actualize bonding and attachment as priorities in North America.” Leave titles and egos outside and come together with us as fellow human beings having such basic needs as food, play, rest, connection, laughter, and love.

Renowned keynote speakers present current information that will inspire and stimulate conversations among participants; panels of professionals seed lively discussions; and the World Café model facilitates small subgroups engaging in an “appreciative inquiry,” the conclusions of which are then “harvested” and presented to the entire group.

This experience is designed to inspire, support and propel participants into specific actions consistent with their personal commitment to transforming the lives of children.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Childbirth educators
- Cultural, civic, and not-for-profit leaders
- Doulas
- Early childhood educators
- Childcare providers
- Healers
- Media representatives
- Midwives
- Nurses
- Parent educators
- Parents
- Physicians
- Professors/Teachers
- Researchers
- Social change artists
- Therapists

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

- A comprehensive picture of the multi-dimensional aspects of family attachment and bonding.
- Participation in in-depth community discussions, ritual, play, and healing.
- Greater support and empowerment for your current individual and collaborative projects.
- Time to network and dialog with a diverse, dedicated and passionate population of people.
- An opportunity to join a committed team to actualize a broad-based social movement throughout North America.
- Practice using an innovative “co-intelligence” process for communication and cultural change (the World Café).
- A unique *Summit Handbook* resplendent with invaluable resource materials.
- Access to a wide variety of pertinent books, videos, and poster sessions.
- The delights of delicious vegetarian meals and time spent in a spectacular natural environment.

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WHERE?

Summit2 will be held at the beautiful Mount Madonna Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences. The Center is a community designed to nurture the creative arts and the health sciences within a context of personal and spiritual growth. Located on 355 mountaintop acres of redwood forest and grassland overlooking all of Monterey Bay, the Center offers a supportive atmosphere for relaxation and reflection. Mount Madonna serves wholesome vegetarian meals. Accommodation options range from camping to single rooms with bath.

PARTIAL FACULTY:

- **Skip Andrew, JD.** Attorney, national seminar convener, and business consultant, and owner of Alternatives for Health & Aging. Special interest in cultural change & violence prevention.
- **Suzanne Arms.** Cofounder, aTLC, social activist, photojournalist, president of Birthing the Future,[®] author of *Immaculate Deception I and II*, 5 other books on pregnancy, birthing, breastfeeding, adoption and bonding.
- **Paul Brenner, MD.** Former chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Scripps Memorial Hospital and co-founder of the holistic medicine movement.
- **Ray Castellino, DC.** Director of Building and Enhancing Bonding and Attachment, Director of Castellino Prenatal and Birth Training for health care professionals and adjunct faculty at the Santa Barbara Graduate Institute.
- **Inbal Kashtan.** Parenting Project Coordinator, The Center for Nonviolent Communication.
- **Joseph Chilton Pearce.** Author, *The Magical Child*, *Crack in the Cosmic Egg*, and *The Biology of Transcendence*.
- **Charlotte Peterson, PhD.** Child therapist and practicing psychologist, specializing in treatment of childhood trauma, founder of Oregon Network of Infant Mental Health, has studied parenting practices in 60 countries.
- **Stanley Tatkin, PsyD.** Psychotherapist, with expertise in the psychobiology of attachment, personality disorders, and early prevention of attachment disorders.
- **John W. Travis, MD.** Cofounder, aTLC, preventive medicine physician, founder of the first wellness center in the US, co-creator of the WellSpring Online.

CO-SPONSORS: Our Affiliates co-sponsoring Summit2 include: **Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPAH)**, **Attachment Parenting International**, **Global Maternal/Child Health Association**, **New Dimensions Radio**, and **Santa Barbara Graduate Institute**

PRAISE FROM ATTENDEES OF SUMMIT1:

Great job on everything – you really come from Excellence! This Summit allows all those interested in being the agents of change to enjoy a circle of like-minded people. [M-PB, Clinical hypnotherapist, hypnobirther, self-Reiki practitioner, and rebirther]

It was like being in deep dark rich soil. Growth taking place of who knows what. Joy, laughter, gentleness; inquiring minds and spirits. The young will dream dreams and the old will have visions. [MB, Lactation consultant]

I came to learn more about attachment. What I got was the pleasure of experiencing the attachment process. [KB, Child and family counselor]

I loved the spirit of the conference – the obvious hard work, love, and commitment that went into it and the experience of meeting diverse and like-minded people on a similar mission. [AG-B, Pathwork helper/healer/shaman/international teacher]

The balance of love, communication, intellect, emotion, spirit, humor, play, acceptance of hurt and healing, goals, flow and trust in the process was wonderful. [PP, Director, Play Mountain Place School]

...exceeded anything I could have expected—it was wonderful. By continuously working on the very thing (connection) that is missing at the beginning of life, you healed and empowered all of us. I have never seen so many beautiful people in the same place as I did here. Thank you! [GD, MD, President, D.O.C.]

ACT NOW:

Full summit tuition is \$445. A special rate of \$395 is available until Feb 15, 2004. A limited number of work-study scholarships are available at \$225. To sign up, or for additional information, go to www.aTLC.org/members/summit2/ or call the number below.

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