

Conference Highlights

On Thursday, August 20, 2015, GCTAAFSC will have its fourth conference in Houston, Texas at the ***Bayou City Event Center 9401 Knight Road Houston, TX 77045***. Our theme this year is ***“All of Me Matters!”*** The conference will offer educational segments, free health screenings, an exhibit center and an awards luncheon.

The conference welcomes ***Ms. Kim Burrell*** as the 2015 luncheon keynote speaker. Ms. Burrell, award winning Gospel Artist, TV Personality and Pastor, will share her personal story about overcoming emotional struggles, significant health challenges and fighting back to have laughter and happiness.

In 2014, the conference attracted over **275** individuals including consumers, families, professionals, healthcare and social service agencies. The conference focused on the African American community, embraced all regardless of race or ethnicity, to participate in the groundbreaking opportunity. Attendees received valuable information about behavioral health, developmental disabilities, substance use and physical health issues impacting individuals and families in the community.

With the support of community leaders, the GCTAAFSC will be able to reach out to the community by providing access to resources in the areas of behavioral health, developmental disabilities and other areas of health disparities. This year, dedicated community stakeholders, health and social service organizations are collaborating to plan the 2015 conference. The collaborating organizations are: *Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (funder/contributor), United Health Community and State Health Plan (sponsor), Walgreens Pharmacy (sponsor), the City of Houston, Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Mental Health America of Greater Houston, Texas Health and Human Services- Commission Center for Elimination of Disproportionality, and Harris County Juvenile Probation Department*

The GCTAAFSC welcomes interested individuals and organizations to become sponsors and supporters to provide this outstanding educational resource for the Houston community. GCTAAFSC is hosted by Helpful Interventions, a 501 (c) (3) organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Registration opens June 22nd through August 10th. For additional information, call 281-272-2206 or visit the website at www.gcaafsc.net

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