



Gulf Coast of Texas
African American Family
Support Conference

Conference Highlights

Conference Mission: To strengthen family and individual awareness of available health care services, behavioral and physical, through culturally sensitive education, supports, and partnerships. The 2013 conference theme: ***Embracing Healthy Families: Mind, Body, & Soul.***

The 2013 Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference (GCTAAFSC) will take place on Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Reliant from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. This conference (the second year held in Houston), will be hosted by Helpful Interventions, a 501 (c) 3 organization, in Houston, Texas and sponsored by a diverse and dedicated group of community stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

The GCTAAFSC provides information and education to consumers, families and the community about mental health and developmental disabilities, substance use disorders and physical health issues. The ultimate goal of the conference is to increase individual and family awareness of available behavioral and physical healthcare services, to reduce stigma, and to eliminate health disparities. Additionally, providers, clergy and decision makers are afforded culturally sensitive learning opportunities. Many involved have no other access to this information.

This year's conference will feature **the former Houston Oilers NFL Player, Mr. Earl Campbell accompanied by his son Mr. Tyler Campbell**, speaking on an individual and a family's journey enduring health challenges, surviving depression, and addiction. There will be exciting workshops, presentations, and an informative exhibit center.

Texas House Representative Garnet F. Coleman is the honorary chairperson and will be honoring community stakeholders at the Garnet Coleman Awards Luncheon.

The GCTAAFSC targets the African American community and embraces all community members regardless of race or ethnicity, and conference participation at all levels has been inclusive. Conference history and photos can be viewed at gcaafsc.net

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