

AGENDA: PARENT/EDUCATOR TRACK

- 8:00-8:30** — ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
- 8:30-9:00** — WELCOME, BRAD COHEN, M. Ed.
- 9:00-10:30** — KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SHEILA ROGERS DEMARE,
Interactive Medicine
- 10:30-10:45** — BREAK
- 10:45-12:15** — ELAINE TAYLOR-KLAUS,
Parental Coaching
- 12:15-1:15** — LUNCH PROVIDED
- 1:15-2:10** — BREAKOUT SESSION #1
- 2:15-3:10** — BREAKOUT SESSION #2
- 3:15-4:10** — BREAKOUT SESSION #3
- 4:15-5:00** — Q&A with successful
TS role models

* Book signings throughout the day

AGENDA: CHILDREN'S TRACK

- 8:00-8:30** — ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
Meet the counselors
- 8:30-9:00** — WELCOME, BRAD COHEN, M. Ed.
- 9:00-10:30** — JAYLEN ARNOLD,
Bullying No Way
- 10:30-12:15** — KELLIE HAINES,
Ventriloquist with puppets
- 12:15-1:15** — LUNCH PROVIDED
- 1:15-2:15** — DYLAN BRADY,
Speaks and plays
- 2:15-3:15** — ENGAGING ACTIVITY
- 3:15-3:30** — BREAK
- 3:30-4:00** — ADVOCACY SESSION
- 4:15-5:00** — Q&A with successful
TS role models

* We can accept children ages 5-17

AGENDA: ADULTS WITH TS TRACK

- 8:00-8:30** — ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
MEET THE COUNSELORS
- 8:30-9:00** — WELCOME, BRAD COHEN, M. Ed.
- 9:00-10:30** — KEYNOTE SPEAKER,
Sheila Rogers DeMare,
Interactive Medicine
- 10:30-10:45** — BREAK
- 10:45-12:15** — INTRODUCTIONS AMONG ADULTS
IMPROV WITH DARIN BUSH
Discussing life with TS,
ADHD/ADD, OCD & more!
- 12:15-1:15** — LUNCH PROVIDED
- 1:15-2:10** — BREAKOUT SESSION #1
- 2:15-3:10** — BREAKOUT SESSION #2
- 3:15-4:10** — BREAKOUT SESSION #3
- 4:15-5:00** — Q&A with successful
TS role models

THE BRAD COHEN TOURETTE FOUNDATION, INC. (BCTF) IS A NON-PROFIT 501(C)(3) WHOSE AIM IS TO HELP CHILDREN WHO HAVE TOURETTE SYNDROME LEARN HOW TO EXIST IN THE REAL WORLD WITH OTHERS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND. WE SUPPORT THE SOCIALIZATION, ACHIEVEMENT, AND EDUCATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME AND THE NON-PROFIT/TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THAT FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF THOSE WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME.

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2016 TOURETTE SYNDROME CONFERENCE

“BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS”

JUNE 4, 2016 — ATLANTA, GA
ATLANTA MARRIOTT PERIMETER HOTEL

OUR GOAL IS TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH TS, OCD, AND ADHD FACE AT HOME, SCHOOL AND IN SOCIAL SETTINGS.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

CONFERENCE IS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME, TEACHERS, EDUCATORS, PARENTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS, THERAPISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, COUNSELORS, PHYSICIANS, NEUROLOGISTS, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND OF COURSE CHILDREN.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



BRAD COHEN, M.Ed.

Brad Cohen, M.Ed. is the author of the award-winning book, *Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had*. His book was named the “Education Book of the Year” by the Independent Book Publishers. In December of 2008, CBS featured Brad’s “Hallmark Hall of Fame” movie about his life. Brad is an Assistant Principal at an elementary school in Atlanta. Brad earned his degrees from Bradley University and Georgia State University. He is President of The Brad Cohen Tourette Foundation and is married with two boys. He continues to be a motivational speaker and inspires people to keep a positive attitude and to follow their dreams.



SHEILA ROGERS DEMARE

Sheila Rogers DeMare, MS, is a leader in the field of integrative therapies for neuropsychiatric disorders. She is founder and director of the nonprofit organization Association for Comprehensive NeuroTherapy, Inc. (ACN) She is dedicated to sharing safe and effective treatments for neurological conditions through ACN/Latitudes. She is the author of the best-seller *Natural Treatments for Tics and Tourettes: A Patient and Family Guide*. A school psychologist for 15 years, she served as Mental Health Liaison for the School District of Palm Beach County. Sheila’s pioneering efforts have been featured on television and radio as well as through print media and national conferences.



ELAINE TAYLOR-KLAUS

Elaine Taylor-Klaus, CPCC, PCC is a parenting coach, educator, writer, speaker, and a voice for parents of children with “complex” needs. She is the co-founder of ImpactADHD.com, a global resource dedicated to helping parents raise confident, successful children with chronic health, learning and/or attention challenges. ImpactADHD programs are available online and on the phone so that all parents can access critical support. Elaine is a contributing blogger for the Huffington Post and a member of the Board of Directors of CHADD (Children and Adults with ADHD). She is a consultant for the American Academy of Pediatrics, and has served as a national expert for the Making Moments education campaign for parents.



KELLIE HAINES

Ventriloquist and family entertainer Kellie Haines started talking to her stuffed animals at the age of 8 and when they started talking back, she knew she had a show! Kellie has a BA Specialized Honours in Drama and is a multitalented entertainer with a background in theatre, clowning, singing and dance. Kellie also happens to have Tourette Syndrome and OCD. Kellie performs at festivals, schools across Canada and as a puppeteer/singer for television. Kellie recently was cast as a puppeteer on a Jim Henson project for television. Kellie wrote and performed two popular, long running musicals: *Frogs in Space – Kamilla’s Quest* and *Rocket Magrau – Space Bird!* at the HR MacMillan Space Centre Planetarium, opened A Space To Play at the Vancouver Kid’s Fringe. She received the Richard Stein Memorial Award and the Todd Axelson Senior Role Model Award from Tourette Canada. Kellie is excited to launch her new musical and new album called *The Story of Me, Myself & I* about turning challenges into successes.



DYLAN BRADY

Officially diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome at 13 years old Dylan decided that he would not only pursue his dreams but he would also inspire others to go for theirs. Dylan became a Youth Ambassador traveling to schools in New York, Washington DC and Florida where he has educated kids on what Tourette Syndrome is and encourages acceptance of everyone’s differences. This active philanthropy partnered with the music Dylan was making with his twin brother, Cody, caught the eye of Disney Channel. In September of 2014 Disney Channel produced a segment on Dylan’s anti-bully work and the music he wrote and produced. Disney Channels “Make Your Mark” – aired worldwide on Disney - from Sept 2014-May 2015. While Dylan’s goal in life is to reach out to people through his music, he also works toward teaching tolerance and acceptance of others. As somebody living with Tourette Syndrome, Dylan has taken something that may seem like a limitation, and used it as a teaching mechanism regarding mindfulness of others. He regularly speaks at schools across Long Island spreading the message of accepting one another’s differences.



SHERYL K. PRUITT, M.Ed., ET/P

Sheryl K. Pruitt, M.Ed., ET/P, is Clinical Director of Parkaire Consultants, a clinic that serves neurologically impaired individuals. Ms. Pruitt has served on local, national and international boards. She is currently on the Senior Advisory Board of the Brad Cohen Tourette Foundation. Ms. Pruitt is a co-author of the books *Teaching the Tiger, Tigers, Too* and *Challenging Kids, Challenged Teachers* and a chapter in *Tourette Syndrome*, Oxford Press (2013). She presents nationally and internationally. Her presentations incorporate professional and personal experiences.



JAYLEN ARNOLD

Jaylen Arnold is 15-years-old, but has been sharing his story for the past seven years in classrooms, in the community, and all across the United States. He is the inspiration of Jaylen’s Challenge Foundation, Inc. He created the concept at the age of 8, after being bullied for having Tourette Syndrome and Autism. With his Motto “Bullying No Way!” anchoring his movement, he set out to change the world one person at a time by spreading acceptance of who we are by awareness and education. Jaylen has spoken to more than 135,000 students. Jaylen has been featured on The Ellen DeGeneres Show, HIGHLIGHTS Children’s Magazine, CNN with Dr. Sunjay Gupta, and People Magazine. He has received the Young Hero Award for Philanthropy, The American Spirit Award from Katie Couric, and the highly esteemed World of Children Award.

REGISTRATION COSTS

TO ATTEND THE 1 DAY CONFERENCE:

\$50— CHILD

\$100— ADULTS

TO ATTEND SATURDAY CASINO NIGHT:

\$40— CHILD

\$60— ADULTS

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