



As a pre-conference session to the  
**Cultivating Connections: Global Perspectives and Practices in  
Family Literacy national conference,**  
The Centre for Family Literacy presents:



## **Dr. Bruce Perry**

Dr. Bruce D. Perry is the Senior Fellow of The Child Trauma Academy, a Houston-based not-for-profit organization that promotes innovations in service, research, and education in child maltreatment and childhood trauma ([www.childtraumaacademy.org](http://www.childtraumaacademy.org)). He is the author, with Maia Szalavitz, of *The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog: What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us About Loss, Love, and Healing*, a popular book based on his work with maltreated children. Over the last twenty years, Dr. Perry has been an active teacher, clinician, and researcher in children's mental health and the neurosciences, holding a variety of academic positions.

### **Topic:**

Early Childhood and Brain Development: How Experience Shapes Child, Community, and Culture

### **Session Description:**

The development of a young child is profoundly influenced by experience. Experiences – good and bad - shape the organization of the brain. The ultimate effect is to impact emotional, social, cognitive and physiological functioning. Insights into this process come from understanding brain development and knowing that the experiences, environments and opportunities we provide our children help determine their strengths and vulnerabilities.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Location:** Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

**Cost:** \$100 (*Early Bird rate: \$75.00, before April 1, 2010*)

**To Register Online:** [www.CultivatingConnectionsConference.ca](http://www.CultivatingConnectionsConference.ca)