

Florida's Adoption Information & Independent Living Resource Center

Winter Statewide Training—January 19-21, 2017

Featuring: Pat O'Brien, MS, LMSW, LTMN



Pat O'Brien is the Founder and former Executive Director (for its first 18 years) of *You Gotta Believe! The Older Child Adoption & Permanency Movement, Inc.*, a nationally acclaimed homeless prevention program that finds adoptive and permanent parents and families for teens, and young adults on the verge of aging out of the foster care system. Pat recently finished a 28 month stint as a recruiter for Wendy's Wonderful Kids, the signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, with Klingberg Family Centers in New Britain Connecticut. Pat is currently the newly hired Regional Director of the **Adoption & Guardianship Assistance Program for Every-family (AGAPE)** for the Adoption & Foster Family Coalition of New York's Southern Tier/Finger Lakes region of the State. Pat also is a Site Consultant for the Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship (QIC-AG) for Support and Preservation with Spaulding for Children assigned to consult with the State of Texas. The QIC-AG is a five year federal grant dedicated to testing evidence based services to families after the finalization of their legal adoptions and guardianship. Pat currently produces and co-hosts *You Gotta Believe's* "The Adopting Teens and 'Tweens Radio Forum", which airs live every Sunday evening from 6:30-7 p.m. on WGBB radio 1240 AM, Long Island's oldest radio station.

Pat recently stepped down after three years as President of the Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York (formerly NYSCCC). Pat also serves on the Board of Directors of the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), and he also currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Treehouse Foundation, a community of foster and adoptive parents living together with caring neighbors. Pat has been honored as an *Angel in Adoption* by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in 2007, has received an *Adoption Excellence Award* from the US Department of Health & Human Service's Children's Bureau in 2013, and was honored by NACAC as *Child Advocate of the Year* at its national conference in the summer of 2015. Pat can be contacted at 718-570-5134 or ygbpat@msn.com.



= Conference Registration Location

Approved CEU's: Up to 11.5 hours of CEU's will be offered. Daniel Memorial is approved by the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling and Certified Master Social Worker, for continuing education credit. Provider # 50-481, Expires 03/31/2017. **Program Subject to Change. Limited Scholarships Available: Call 1-800-962-3678 for Details. Please Let Us Know If You Have Any Special Needs (Dietary, seating, wheelchair, etc.)**

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Thursday

January 19, 2017

- 8:15 to 9:00 Registration/Information Desk Opens
Location: Lobby III
- 9:00 to 9:45 Opening General Session (*For all attendees*)
Why is it Urgent to Recruit a Permanent Parent for every Teen and Young Adult Before they Age out of Care --- Barring no One
Featured Speaker: Pat O'Brien
Location: St. Petersburg B/C
- 10:00 to 11:30 **A Session**
Adoption Track: Follow the Love: A Strategy to find a Permanent Parent and Family for Every Youth: *Pat O'Brien*
Location: St. Petersburg A
- Independent Living Track:** Florida College Access Network (FCAN): *Laurie Meggesin, Executive Director*
Location: Williams & Demens
- 11:30 to 12:30 Lunch (*Provided*)
Location: St. Petersburg B/C
- 12:30 to 2:00 **B Session**
Adoption Track: Providing a Continuum of Services to Families after their Children Move in Permanently -- - from Placement to Post Legal Adoption & Permanency: *Pat O'Brien*
Location: St. Petersburg A
- Independent Living Track:** Sharing Best Practices -CBCs: *Facilitated by Brandie McCabe, Florida Department of Children and Families*
Location: Williams & Demens
- 2:00 to 2:15 Break
- 2:15 to 3:45 **C Session**
Adoption Track and Independent Living Track: Tallahassee Update: What's on the Horizon?: *Courtney Smith, MSW and Brandie McCabe, Florida Department of Children and Families*
Location: St. Petersburg B/C
- 3:45 to 4:00 Evaluations/Wrap up

Friday

January 20, 2017

- 8:15 to 9:00 Registration/Information Desk Opens
Location: Lobby III
- 9:00 to 9:45 Opening General Session (*For all attendees*)
There is no Safety or Well Being without Permanency at the Exit End of the System
Featured Speaker: Pat O'Brien
Location: St. Petersburg B/C
- 10:00 to 11:30 **D Session**
Adoption Track: Interventions (Code & statue): *Courtney Smith, MSW, Florida Department of Children and Families*
Location: St. Petersburg A
- Independent Living Track:** Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program: *Alan Abramowitz, Executive Director*
Location: Williams & Demens
- 11:30 to 12:30 Lunch (*Provided*)
Location: St. Petersburg B/C
- 12:30 to 2:00 **E Session**
Adoption Track: Adoption Incentive Report-Where we go From Here: *Valerie Proctor, Florida Department of Children and Families*
Location: St. Petersburg A
- Independent Living Track:** Follow the Love: A Strategy to find a Permanent Parent and Family for Every Youth: *Pat O'Brien*
Location: Williams & Demens
- 2:00 to 2:15 Break
- 2:15 to 3:45 **F Session**
Adoption Track: Adopting Independent Youth: *Brandie McCabe, Florida Department of Children and Families*
Location: St. Petersburg A
- Independent Living Track:** Being Instrumental in finding Life Long Families for Youth: *Pat O'Brien*
Location: Williams & Demens
- 3:50 to 4:15 Closing Event. **Evaluations/Wrap up snacks and Door Prizes!**
Location: St. Petersburg B/C

Saturday

January 21, 2017

Adoptive Parent Track

Featured Speaker: Pat O'Brien, MS, LMSW, LTMN

Location: HTC 3 (Child Care Location: HTC 4)

- 9:00 to 11:30 The Power of Unconditional Commitment: The Primary Form of Love-in-Action That Matters to Traumatized Youth Working Toward Permanency
- 11:30 to 12:30 Lunch (*Provided*)
- 12:30 to 3:00 Utilizing Laughter and Playfulness to Alleviate the Stresses, Tensions, and Pain of Everyday Living
(*Break 2:00 to 2:15*)