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THE LIVE LARGE, THINK BIG CITY will welcome an expected 1,500 attendees in late October for the 17th Annual International Conference on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: *Hope, Resiliency and Success: AD/HD Interventions for a Lifetime.*

The CHADD conference—to be held Oct. 27–29 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel—will offer educational opportunities crucial to supporting individuals facing AD/HD and to professionals who want to enhance their skills and treatment of the disorder. The 2005 CHADD Conference will provide value at its best, with new programs, topics and speakers. Along with continuing education credits (CEU and CME), attendees can take advantage of local and global networking, professional/business opportunities and the most comprehensive trade show of AD/HD products and services.

To meet the individual needs of participants, the sessions will be organized by interest group (adults, parents, educators, healthcare providers, physicians, psychologists and social workers) and by subject matter (co-existing disorders, women/girls, international/Hispanic, legal/advocacy and complementary interventions).

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Though CHADD's 2005 Annual Conference does not officially begin until the Opening General Session on Thursday evening, there are plenty of activities and events beforehand.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 will be a special training day for professionals and individuals affected by AD/HD. Special training programs will include the following:

- Advanced Training for Coaches with Judy Tripplet-Sleeper and Sandy Maynard
- *AD/HD through the Lifespan and Advanced Interventions* by Margaret Semurd-Clikeman, Ph.D.; Anne Teeter Ellison, Ed.D.; and Sam Goldstein, Ph.D.
- Helping Parents Navigate the Challenges of AD/HD with Michael Hurley, Ph.D.; Beth Kaplanek, R.N.; and Terry Illes, Ph.D.

New this year, all paid conference attendees can take advantage of free career counseling. The day will culminate with light fare and drinks at a complimentary reception for all paid conference attendees in the newly renovated Union Station at the Hyatt Regency.

Thursday, Oct. 27 will kick off with excellent Preconference Institutes featuring in-depth information on a variety of issues related to AD/HD. Pre-conference Institutes require an additional registration fee. The following institutes will be offered:

- Intermediate/Advanced Training: Helping Adults with AD/HD Succeed in Marriage & Parenting—Arthur Robin, Ph D
- Women and Girls with AD/HD—Kathleen Nadeau, Ph.D., and Sari Solden, M.S.
- Interventions for Classroom and School Problems— Sharon Weiss, M.Ed.
- Evidenced-based Interventions for Schools—George DuPaul. Ph.D.





Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, October 26

- Advanced Coaching
- AD/HD Through the Lifespan
- Advanced Interventions
- Career Counseling
- Parent Training
- Welcome Reception
- On-site Registration begins

Thursday, October 27

- Pre-conference Institutes
- Family to Family
- Iberoamerican Forum
- Video Preview
- Leadership Training
- Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Reception
- Opening Keynote Address: Barbara Coloroso

Friday, October 28

- General Session: E. Clarke Ross, D.P.A., and James Swanson, Ph.D.
- Research Symposium I: Peter Jensen, M.D., and James Swanson, Ph.D.
- Breakout Sessions
- Roundtable Networking, lunch provided
- Grand Rounds
- Ice Cream Social
- Networking by Track
- Dallas Hoe-down Social

Saturday, October 29

- Closing Keynote Address: Sam Goldstein, Ph.D.
- Research Symposium II: Peter Scheidt, Ph.D.
- Breakout Sessions
- Complimentary Lunch
- Debates/Panels
- Dallas Tour

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- Assessment and Treatment of Executive Function Disorders—Peg Dawson, Ed.D.
- Behavioral Issues for Youth with AD/HD under the New IDEA—Matt Cohen, J.D.
- *AD/HD and Co-morbidity*—Stephen Pliszka, M.D.
- *AD/HD-Predominantly Inattentive Type: Assessment & Interventions*—Keith Burnett, Ph.D., and Linda Pfiffner, Ph.D.
- *Medication Update*—Glen Elliott, M.D., Ph.D.
- Comparative Use of Behavior Rating Scales and Self-report in Diagnosis of AD/HD—Cecil Reynolds, Ph.D.

There are several exciting and interesting free activities planned for conference registrants on Thursday. Chris Dendy, M.S., and her family will present a compelling session where they will share their experiences of what it is like living with AD/HD. In addition, several videos on AD/HD will be screened, and the Iberoamerican Forum for the Latino/Hispanic community will be open to paid conference attendees. On Thursday afternoon, all participants are invited to the Grand Opening Reception of the Exhibit Hall, where research posters and innovative programs will be displayed. Authors will be on hand to discuss their



posters and programs and answer questions. The Student Research Award and Innovative Program of the Year Award will be presented during the reception, and a light supper and drinks will be provided complimentary to all paid conference attendees.

Opposite and next page: Panels, exhibits, product sales and networking are all part of the conference scene.



General Sessions and More

During the opening keynote address on Thursday evening, Barbara Coloroso—professional speaker, classroom teacher, university instructor and author of two international bestsellers—will speak on *The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander*. This session will also feature the Hall of Fame Awards, recognizing professionals who have made positive contributions to improve the lives of individuals with AD/HD.

At the Friday morning general session, E. Clarke Ross, D.P.A., chief executive officer of CHADD, will speak about AD/HD Challenges and the Strategic Role of CHADD. James Swanson, Ph.D., will follow with an update on the genetic basis of AD/HD entitled The "Response Ready" Style of AD/HD Individuals: Evidence from Molecular Genetics. On Saturday, Sam Goldstein, Ph.D., will deliver the closing keynote address, In Their Own Words: Finding Satisfaction in the Lives of Adults with AD/HD.

The much-anticipated Research Symposia will bring together James Swanson, Ph.D., and Peter Jensen, M.D., to discuss *Some Good News from the MTA: Long-term Outcomes at the 36-month and 72-month Assessments.* Peter Scheidt, M.D., will present results of the *National Children's Study*, which followed 100,000 children from 0–20 years of age.

Conference Highlights

The following renowned experts in the field of AD/HD are scheduled presenters at the 17th Annual CHADD International Conference: Thomas Brown, Ph.D.; Sari Solden, M.S.; Clare Jones, Ph.D.; Glen Elliott, M.D., Ph.D.; Matthew Cohen, J.D.; Sam Goldstein, Ph.D.; Kathleen Nadeau, Ph.D.; Chris Zeigler Dendy, M.S.; Sharon Weiss, M.Ed.; Cecil Reynolds, Ph.D.; Arthur Robin, Ph.D.; and many more.

Special sessions for adults, women and girls with AD/HD will be provided. There will also be a variety of sessions available on behavior and anger management, practical tips, assessment, diagnosis and treatment, updates on medications, research and co-existing conditions.

First time features at the 2005 CHADD Annual International Conference will be Grand Rounds (a continuing medical education activity) and career counseling.

Networking Opportunities

CHADD's 2005 Annual International Conference offers many networking opportunities, starting with the Wednesday evening Welcome Reception. All paid attendees can enjoy free appetizers, drinks, music and friendship at the vintage Union Station located

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adjacent to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. On Thursday, more than 80 exhibitors will showcase their products and services at the Grand Opening Reception that will include a light supper, drinks and fun, complimentary to paid conference attendees.

At noon on Friday, a round table networking session will provide local resources and a complimentary lunch, followed by an ice cream social and networking by track (interest group) in the afternoon. Later that night, everyone can join a Texas Hoe-down where participants can kick up their heels, learn to line dance (strictly optional) and enjoy food and camaraderie.

On Saturday, a free luncheon will be provided along with the opportunity to connect with new and old

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acquaintances, and in the evening a city tour will showcase the sights of Dallas.

Registration and Information

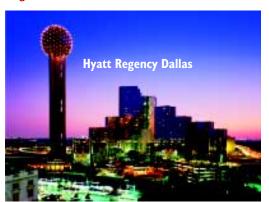
Visit our Web site for program updates and registration information: www.chadd.org

Hotel Information

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Travel Information

For discounted airline tickets to Dallas, please visit the CHADD Web site at www.chadd.org



Conference Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available to attend the conference. For more information and to apply, please email **conference@chadd.org**.

Above left: The skyline view from the revolving Hyatt restaurant tower.