

Brain development expert Dr. Bruce Perry will speak at City College Friday, May 18

The City College of San Francisco Child Development and Family Studies Program presents Dr. **Bruce Perry**, M.D., Ph.D., a pioneer in the study of childhood brain development, proving that environment plays a key role in how the brain grows, particularly during the first three years of life.

The community is invited to meet Dr. Perry at a FREE day-long seminar on early development and the brain. His presentation will be on **Friday, May 18**, from 9 A.M. to 12 NOON and from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. for a question and answer session, in the Diego Rivera Theatre at 50 Phelan Avenue (at Ocean Avenue). There will be a lunch break from 12 NOON to 1 P.M.

"We feel that the impact of Dr. Perry's work should be shared with all who care about the lives of young children," says **Stephen Rico**, chair of the CCSF Child Development Program.

Dr. Perry is Chief of Psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. At Baylor College of Medicine, he serves as the Thomas Trammell Research Professor of Child Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. His neuroscience research has examined the effects of prenatal drug exposure on brain development, the neurophysiology of traumatic life events and basic mechanisms related to the development of neurotransmitters in the brain.

Dr. Perry is the author of more than 180 journal articles, book chapters and scientific proceedings and is the recipient of numerous professional award and honors, recently including the T. Berry

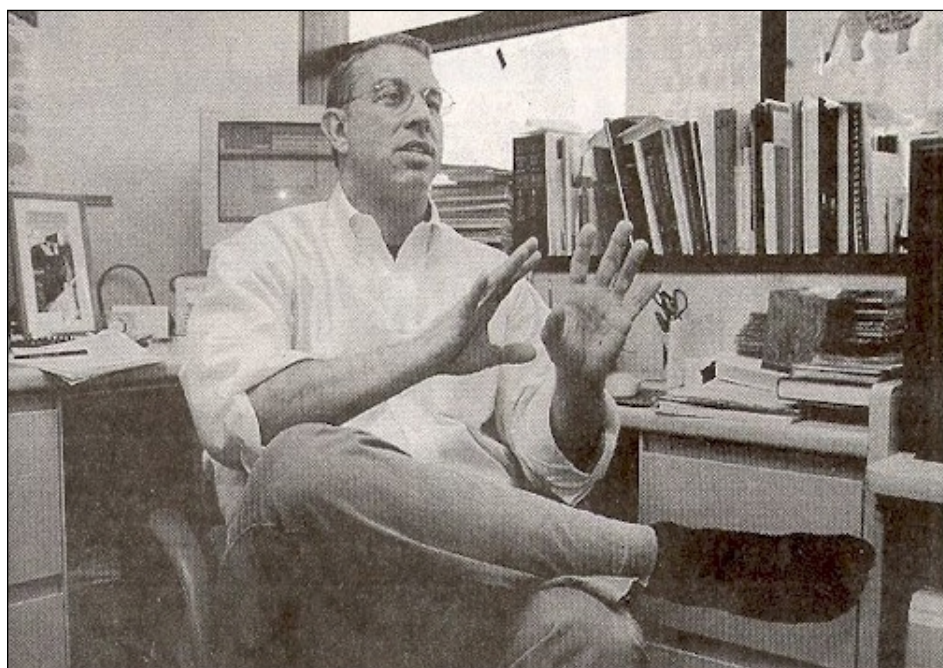


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Brazelton Infant Mental Health Advocacy Award and the 2000 Award for Leadership in Public Child Welfare from the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators. He was the keynote speaker at the 1999 White House conference on children and violence. He has testified before legislatures throughout the country on childhood brain development and has been a consultant on such high-profile cases as the Oklahoma City bombing and the Columbine High School shootings.

Dr. Perry, a native of Bismarck, North Dakota, was an undergraduate at Stanford University and Amherst College. He attended medical and graduate school at Northwestern University,

receiving both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. Dr. Perry completed a residency in general psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine and a fellowship in child and Adolescent Psychiatry at The University of Chicago.

Dr. Perry's presentation is part of the CCSF Child Development professional development program. The Child Development Program recently received a major donation to assist in the College's work in sensory integration and brain and social development of infants and toddlers.

For more information, call Child Development and Family Studies at (415) 239-3172.