A5 Helping Children Heal

Whether you are a seasoned foster/adoptive parent or new to the trenches, this workshop will remind you of the "why" behind your ministry of taking other people's children into your home. Using the research of Dr. Bruce Perry, Kim teaches that trauma changes the biology of the brain, but having one loving, nurturing and stable relationship in one's life also changes the biology of the brain. This workshop will remind you of the various challenges a child brings with him/her into your home and ways to help their brains, and thus their emotions, to heal. (Also approved for social worker CEUs.)

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Kim Combes, M.Ed., has been in the human service arena for over three decades. He currently has a counseling business while also traveling nationally to present at various conferences related to child welfare. Kim has fostered over 40 teen boys since 1994 and has adopted five challenging children since marrying wife Diane in 1999. Kim has

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