

LONDON, ENGLAND, October 13, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- On Friday 15th November 2013, Family Futures, a London based adoption support agency, will host a conference exploring the recent neuro-scientific research evidencing the impact that developmental trauma has on children's sensory, affective and cognitive development.

Alan Burnell, Director of Family Futures, comments, "There is growing recognition and evidence to show that poor parenting not only adversely impacts a child's attachment behaviour, but also their sensory motor abilities, sensory integration and cognitive development. Furthermore, parenting a traumatised child has an impact on the neuro-psychobiology of the parents or carers. Therapeutic interventions need to evolve and make connections with the latest research. The conference will address this dynamic and engage with industry professionals in this discussion, which has implications for clinical services as well as legal and social care. "

Included on the conference agenda are papers on 'Turning Neuro-Science into Practice' and 'Decision-making within a child's timeframe'. The full day conference is aimed at adoptive parents, foster carers, paediatricians, child psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, social workers, teachers and other professionals working with children and will bring together eminent speakers from research and clinical practice including: Dr Eamon McCrory, Developmental Risk and Resilience Unit, University College London; Dr Harriet Ward, Professor & Director, Centre for Child & Policy Research, Loughborough University; Dr Dan Hughes, Child & Adolescent Psychologist, founder of Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy; Jay Vaughan, Family Futures Co-Founder and State Registered Drama-therapist.

Speakers will present an in-depth look at of the neurological impact of trauma on parent and child attachment behaviour and the showcase the remedial and therapeutic inputs that are effective in helping children and parents to address these issues.

Family Futures offers adoption support and advice and child therapy services for children who have experienced trauma or attachment difficulties and are living in adoptive families, birth families or foster homes. The aim of Family Futures is to make family life sustainable for children who have had traumatic early experiences; Family Futures understand how these early experiences can affect children's development and make them challenging to parent and educate.