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### **Renowned Expert on the Brain To Discuss Child Psychology**

Who: Cal Farley's

What: Youth Services Training

When: Thursday, February 1, 2007; 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Where: West Texas A&M Ballroom/Virgil Henson Activity Center (2600 Russell Long Blvd.)

**Amarillo-** The study and understanding of the human brain has certainly evolved over the centuries. This is particularly evident when you consider the fact that Egyptian's in 2030 B.C. would regularly (in preparation for mummification) remove the brain, believing that it was the heart that held the seat of intelligence. Even after centuries of study and advancement, the brain, which controls sophisticated human functions and complicated information processing, is often regarded as the least understood human organ.

On Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Cal Farley organization will welcome Dr. Paul Baker, an expert on behavioral disorders and neuropsychology. Dr. Baker's presentation is part of an on-going series of public workshops offered by the *Cal Farley's Youth Services Training Institute*, a program which presents training opportunities to area youth service professionals. The seminars are open to the public and provided at minimal cost to professionals working in such areas as the juvenile probation system, foster care agencies and after school programs. The workshops showcase cutting edge research, presented by highly qualified individuals, to members of the Cal Farley's staff as well as other area youth professionals.

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Dr. Baker will present state of the art research associated with our current understanding of the brain and the therapeutic processes. Participants will be taken on a journey through the inner-workings of the most complex piece of the human body. Current theories and technological advances will be explored, and participants will learn how to apply these advances to classroom instruction and behavioral management. "Cal Farley's is committed to bringing and sharing some of the best minds in the business when it comes to meeting the needs of at-risk children," said Dan Adams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cal Farley's.

Dr. Paul Baker has experience with the Georgia Psychoeducational Network and has served as a classroom teacher, principal, and is now the director of The Mountainbrook Academies, a program for students experiencing severe emotional difficulties.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 per person and includes lunch and course materials. Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) are available for childcare professionals. Pre-registration is required and reservations are available on a first-come-first-served basis by calling (806) 322-2575.

For more information, visit: <http://www.cfelearning.org/baker/index.html>

Cal Farley's cares for approximately 310 at-risk boys and girls at its two campuses – Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. Children from pre-school through high school are accepted with no charge to their families. The Cal Farley programs provide a variety of academic, vocational, spiritual and extra-curricular activities for the children in care, in a Christ-centered environment.

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