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**VIRGINIA STATE SENATOR CREIGH DEEDS TO DISCUSS HIS SON'S STRUGGLES
WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AT CLARITYCON 2015**

***Deeds joins other notable mental health professionals
for third annual summit on children's mental health, June 18-19***

SAN ANTONIO - Experts on children's mental health from around the country and the world will come to San Antonio for Claritycon2015, Clarity Child Guidance Center's (CGC) third annual summit on children's mental health issues.

Headlining the conference is Virginia State Senator Creigh Deeds, who struggled to get help for his son Gus, a process that ended tragically when Gus attacked his father then ended his own life in Nov. 2013. Since then, Deeds has been actively engaged in improving Virginia's mental health system. His story has been told nationally, from [60 Minutes](#) to the [Washington Post](#). Deeds will deliver a luncheon presentation entitled "The Urgency of Now" on Thursday June 18. In it, he will discuss his personal story, his thoughts on mental health advocacy and families contending with mental illness.

More than 20 other notable children's mental health professionals will deliver keynotes, workshops and presentations throughout the conference, on topics including the link between creativity and mental illness, narrative therapy, child abuse and trauma, ADHD, eating disorders, hypnotherapy and more.

The conference takes place at Norris Conference Center, 618 NW Loop 410 in San Antonio. For more information, to register, or for sponsorship information, call 210-582-6406 or email kim.bruno@claritycgc.org. Tickets are also available for the Creigh Deeds lunch presentation only for \$55 each, or \$500 for a table of 10. They can be purchased online or by phone. The Creigh Deeds luncheon breakfast and snacks will also be included with each paid conference registration.

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Mental health professionals may earn up to 10 CEUs at Claritycon2015.

Clarity CGC, which operates the region's largest treatment center dedicated to children with mental illness, is the only non-profit treatment center in San Antonio specializing in children with serious mental and emotional problems.

Clarity CGC offers a wide range of mental health treatment programs through its facilities in San Antonio, including outpatient services, on-campus 24-hour acute care inpatient treatment, and on-campus day treatment. Last year, Clarity CGC provided treatment to nearly 8,000 kids ages 3-17 in Bexar County, through two facilities in the Medical Center, and a newly opened clinic on the West side. Clarity CGC's care for children dates back to 1886.

Visit www.claritycgc.org to learn more.

ABOUT CLARITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER

Clarity Child Guidance Center (CGC) is the only nonprofit in South Texas providing a full continuum of mental health care to children 17 and under, including services for acute cases for children as young as three.

Clarity CGC offers the region's largest concentration of child and adolescent psychiatrists, with its onsite affiliation with Southwest Psychiatric Physicians. In addition, the center serves as a teaching hospital for The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. Clarity CGC provides outpatient therapy for children and families, day treatment (where the child is at Clarity CGC during school hours and then returns home each evening) and acute inpatient hospitalization at its 52-bed hospital.

As a nonprofit, Clarity CGC serves children in need, regardless of their ability to pay, while bringing a multitude of services to children and families through its case managers as a United Way agency.

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