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For Immediate Release:

**Claritycon Children’s Digital or In-person Mental Health Conference with CEUs on Feb. 18
to feature three renowned experts;**

Talk on “Strong Families, Strong Forces” geared to military but helpful to all

[Clarity Child Guidance Center](#) is the only nonprofit in South Texas providing a continuum of mental health care for children ages 3-17 and their families, to manage mental health conditions ranging from ADHD and anxiety to suicidal ideation, bipolar disorder and/or schizophrenia. Clarity offers a stand-alone mental health hospital and specialized inpatient/outpatient treatment for children, with the region’s largest concentration of child and adolescent psychiatrists.

Clarity CGC provides professional education and CEUs at [Claritycon](#), its annual children’s mental health conferences held throughout the year. Because of Covid, Claritycon was transformed into Claritycon Reimagined—with mini-conferences to offer three options for attendance: live in-person at studios of KLRN-PBS TV; live virtual; or digital playback.

“Claritycon Reimagined 2021 (cont.)” has featured three sessions with one half-day session remaining on Feb. 18, 2022, offering 5 CEU credits. Cost is \$25 per CEU. The three sessions can be bundled at a discounted price; groups are also discounted. Because past Claritycon sessions are available on demand, professionals can still pay to watch past Claritycon sessions from February 2021 through November 2021 and earn CEUs credits at a cost of \$25 per credit hour. www.claritycgc.org/annual-conference-claritycon/.

[Registration](#) is now open for the February 18 session from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. which will feature these experts in the field of mental health and children:

- **“Law Enforcement Working with Children and Adolescents: Perceptions, Strategies, and Future Development”** - Brandi Burque-DeCarlo, PhD is a psychologist with the Bexar County Sheriff’s Office where she is responsible for providing psychological treatment for police officers and their families, teaching classes for the police academy, and on call with their Crisis Negotiation Unit. Her talk will explore the perceptions and perspectives of the importance of law enforcement interacting with children and adolescents in various environments, review potential future developments and how mental health providers can play a role in these interactions. In 2010, Dr. Burque-DeCarlo and Dr. Deloria Wilson from Air Force Security Forces developed an innovative stress management program for military and civilian law enforcement based upon principles from sports, law enforcement and military psychology.
- **“Strong Families, Strong Forces: An Innovative Program to Support Family Systems”** - Vanessa Jacoby, PhD, an Assistant Professor within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UT Health San Antonio and a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Jacoby provides clinical services to active duty service members and their families for the STRONG STAR Consortium and the Consortium to Alleviate PTSD. Her research interests are in the developmental trajectory and treatment of PTSD and other trauma-related disorders. She specializes in Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for PTSD and Prolonged Exposure (PE) for PTSD. Additionally, Dr. Jacoby has worked with trauma-exposed children and whole families utilizing Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and has experience in incorporating family members into evidence-based treatments for PTSD. (<https://www.strongstartraining.org/team>)
- **“Migrant Children”** - Monica Faulkner, PhD, LMSW is a Research Associate Professor at the [Steve Hicks School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin](#) and the Director and co-Founder of

the [Texas Institute for Child & Family Wellbeing](#). She holds Bachelor degrees in Government and Social Work from UT-Austin and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Houston. She received her PhD in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin in 2010. As a social worker, Dr. Faulkner has worked as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and as a case manager for children in foster care. Dr. Faulkner also worked in the Texas Legislature focusing on policy issues related to health and human services for two legislative sessions.)

Claritycon attendees include child psychologists, social workers, pediatricians, educators, childcare providers, school counselors, special education teachers, Child Protective Services specialists, Juvenile Justice workers, small counseling offices, students and others.

Clarity's "traditional" full in-person, two-day Claritycon conference will be back at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, July 21-22, 2022. Keynote speaker will be country music star [Chase Bryant](#)—known for touring with huge stars like Tim McGraw and his best-selling country hits "Take It on Back" and "Little Bit of You"—who has battled depression a good portion of his life. In the two years before his new album *Upbringing* (which Billboard calls an "album filled with drama and attitude, built with the kind of creative abandon that accompanies soul-level renewal and a focus on living in the moment"), Bryant attempted suicide.

For more information on Claritycon, contact events@claritycgc.org or 210-593-2148, or visit www.claritycgc.org/annual-conference-claritycon/.

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ABOUT CLARITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER:

Founded in 1886, [Clarity Child Guidance Center](#) is the only nonprofit in South Texas providing a continuum of mental health care for children ages 3-17 and their families, to manage mental health conditions ranging from ADHD and anxiety to suicidal ideation, bipolar disorder and/or schizophrenia. What makes it unique:

- Stand-alone mental health hospital on an eight-acre campus in the South Texas Medical Center
- 66-bed hospital and 6-bed Crisis Service unit offering specialized inpatient/outpatient treatment for children
- Serves all children in need of care, regardless of their family's ability to pay; more than 60% of patients are disproportionately low-income
- Offers the region's largest concentration of child and adolescent psychiatrists through a partnership with Southwest Psychiatric Physicians
- Serves as a teaching hospital for the esteemed University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Baylor College of Medicine, Incarnate Word Nursing College, and several other nursing schools