

Improving the Lives of Children through Healthy Couple Relationships and Stable Homes: Healthy Relationships and Marriage Education Training

Date: August 7, 2012

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Place: Forsyth County Public Safety Complex:
3520 Settingdown Rd, Cumming, GA 30028 (Room 151)

This training will prepare professionals to understand and support healthy co-parenting, couple and marital relationships for underserved and overrepresented populations in the child welfare system. The *Healthy Relationships and Marriage Education Training* (HRMET) project, funded by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families Children's Bureau, seeks to meet the safety, permanency, and well-being needs of vulnerable children in the child welfare system by increasing child welfare workers' access to and implementation of relationship and marriage education. Child Welfare providers in Georgia are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in this 1-day pilot training designed to serve as a research model leading to an evidence-based national training resource. The pilot includes pre and post training surveys, which are then used as part of the data and research.

This is a no-cost event to participants, but a \$35 registration fee is required to hold your spot. Participants will receive their check back upon the conclusion of the training. Those who register but do not attend will not be reimbursed. A light breakfast, lunch, and training materials are provided the day of the training.

For help with the registration process, or to inquire about possible travel stipends and/or scholarships, contact Michele Melton at 770-887-2418 or msmelton@uga.edu

For more information about the HRMET project, see the [Brochure](#) and [Fact Sheet](#).

Leading the training is **Dr. Ted Futris**, Associate Professor in Child and Family Development and a State Extension Family Life Specialist in Family and Consumer Sciences Extension at the University of Georgia. Dr. Futris provides state and national leadership for Extension programs in family life, with a particular focus on relationship and marital enrichment, co-parenting, parenting education, and fathering. In particular his work focuses on the influence of couple and co-parenting relationships on parenting quality. His research and outreach programming has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH), USDA-Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Children's Bureau as well as the Office of Community Services, Deputy under Secretary of the Army, and Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Dr Futris also serves as the Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator for the National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families (<https://healthymarriageandfamilies.org/>), funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

This training is being organized and co-taught by **Michele Melton**. Michele has her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and is the Forsyth County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent with the University of Georgia.

This training is being co-sponsored by University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children, and Georgia Family Connections Partnership.