

PLAIN TALK ABOUT KIDS PROGRAM

Program Overview

PURPOSE

Provide a forum for public engagement and professional development

PARTICIPANTS

- Parents
- Teachers
- Education administrators
- University professors and leadership
- Judicial professionals
- Psychologists
- Physicians
- Policy makers – legislators and governmental officials
- Social workers and other mental health professionals
- Speech and language pathologists

PROCESS

Hold a three-day summit in New Orleans:

- Convene national and international experts and leaders in education, psychology, medicine and justice
- Incorporate and connect knowledge expansion, knowledge application, problem solving, strategies, skills, and interaction

Facilitate follow-up forums across Louisiana

Publish the proceedings – a reference and tools book

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- Knowledge expansion and knowledge sharing
- Focus on capacity building of educators, parents and professionals who work with children
- Increased involvement/engagement of stakeholders
- Increased commitment of stakeholders
- Increased communications and collaborations among stakeholders
- Increased student achievement

