

PRESS RELEASE

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CONNECTING THE DOTS EXPO

A FREE community EXPO, Saturday, July 30, 2016 Connecting the Community to Resources for wellness and emotional healing

(Baton Rouge, LA). The Connecting the Dots EXPO, a FREE community expo providing resources for wellness and emotional healing in a day of free activities for families and residents of all ages will be held Saturday, July 30, indoors at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4728 Constitution Ave in Baton Rouge. The day is designed to feed the mind, body and soul and will be a day of FREE family activities while also learning about available community resources for grief, trauma, emotional healing, and behavioral health wellness.

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Children, teens, families, parents, single parents, and grandparents can enjoy a day of FREE family activities in the cool indoors arena of the Crowne Plaza Hotel with family oriented fun, prizes, give-aways, art activities, sport star, workouts for the brain and body, yoga, the Y exercise mini-classes, and BREC's 600 Sq. feet Let's Play Room. While enjoying activities, learn of the community support available by organizations who can provide resources for wellness and emotional healing.

The day kicks-off with autographs from Saints Hall of Fame inductee Tyrone Hughes from 9-10am. Kids of all ages can play all day at BREC's on the Geaux - Let's Play Room featuring the Kaboom Rigamajig Building Boards, Hula Hoops, Hopping Balls, Crawl Tunnels, Slack Line Scooters, Tricycles, Beach Ball Basketball.

Children can see Tootles the Turtle and enjoy readings from **Tootles the Turtle Tells** the **Truth** ever popular author, Lenell Levy Melancon.

Over 100 sponsors and exhibitors will be available to answer questions, provide information, present community resources, and support families and friends of those who deal with mental, behavioral and emotional health issues.

Exhibitors include:

Mental and Behavioral Health Resources and Support Healthy Lifestyles & Living Resources Mental Illness Prevention & Treatment Options Reducing Mental, Behavioral and Emotional Health Stigma Children/Youth/Teen/Family/Elderly Mental Health Resources

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Body & Mind Wellness & Connections Workouts for the Brain & Body Connecting the Dots Art Therapy Mind, Meditation & Yoga Recovery Programs

EVENT HEALTHCARE/WELLNESS FEATURE:

AIDS Healthcare Foundation 100% Free and Confidential Status Mobile Unit Outside of Crowne Plaza 9am-3pm

Schedule Includes:

Atrium

8:30	Welcome Master of Ceremonies – Leo Honeycutt, Louisiana Legend and Award Winning Television Journalist and Author
	Opening Remarks/Kick-Off – Tyrone Hughes, New Orleans Saints Alumni and Hall of Fame Inductee
9:00	Autographs by Tyrone Hughes, New Orleans Saints Alumni and Hall of Fame Inductee
	Premier Ballroom
10:00	Tootles the Turtle Lenell Levy Melancon, author, reads TOOTLES the TURTLE TELLS the TRUTH, An Interactive Tale about Secrets

11:00	the Y Functional Fitness with D'Andre Guerin Be inspired and have fun! Learn, enjoy, stay fit and improve your health with simple exercises for all ages and for all levels!
12:00	Yoga Bliss with Amanda Bergeron Learn how to keep calm amidst the chaos with yoga moves and meditation
	Premier Ballroom
1:00	the Y – Family Fitness with Joey Godfrey Connect your family to health and wellbeing, easily and effortlessly. Learn How.
2:00	Tootles the Turtle Lenell Levy Melancon, author, reads

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

AIDS Healthcare Foundation 100% Free and Confidential Status Mobile Unit Outside Day of Event

BREC on the Geaux – Let's Play Room All ages are welcome to come and play!

PRIZES DRAWN EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR

For more information: visit <u>www.ARCHConnections.com</u>. **Connecting the Dots EXPO** is produced by ARCH Connections and hosted by Echad Awakening .