Brain Awareness Night
“New Initiatives for Optimizing Brain Development in Children”

Thursday, March 22, 2012
A Presentation for the General Public
The Urban Child Institute 600 Jefferson Avenue
5:30-6:30pm Refreshments 6:30-8:30pm Presentations

SPEAKERS

Dr. Daniel Goldowitz, Ph.D
Professor, Medical Genetics and the Centre of Medicine and Therapeutics,
University of British Columbia
“The Malleable Brain: In Good Times and Bad”
During early development of the fetus and baby, special events at critical
times occur to form a functioning brain. Environmental influences are very
significant during this period, for better or worse. This talk will discuss
how these factors play out in an organ that is highly plastic.

Dr. Clyde Hertzman, MD
Director, Human Early Learning Partnership, University of British Columbia
“A New Method for Measuring Social and Cognitive Development
Leads to New Initiatives for Child Development”
Although parents want to do what is best for their children, high quality
nurture is hard for families to provide on their own and requires help
from society at all levels. Accordingly, Dr. Hertzman has developed a tool that
provides information on physical, social-emotional, and language-cognitive
development of children across whole populations as they transition
from pre-school to school. Results have led to dozens of new initiatives
for early childhood development. This talk will discuss this new tool and
implementation of new initiatives and pilot programs at local and national levels.

Professional training hours (CEUs) will be provided by the UT Neuroscience
Institute. For more information, contact
Dr. Paul Herron, Neuroscience
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Space is limited.

Please pre-register
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Attendance is free.