



2010 Children's Behavioral Health Conference

Reclaiming Lives...Claiming Futures

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

The deadline for early conference registration is April 21.

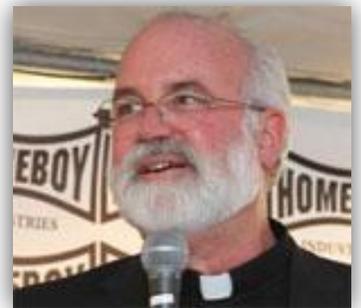
Go to <http://ok.gov/odmhsas/> and click on *ODMHSAS Sponsored Trainings and Events* to view the conference brochure and registration packet.

Learn more about Homeboy Industries on April 30, 2010.

“Tattoos on the Heart: Strategies for Working with At-Risk Youth”

Presented by Father Greg Boyle, SJ and Youth from Homeboy Industries

Fr. Gregory Boyle was born in Los Angeles, one of eight children. His father, a third-generation Irish-American, worked in the family-owned dairy in Los Angeles County and his mother worked to keep track of her large family. As a youth, Fr. Greg and several of his siblings worked side by side with their father in the dairy. After graduating from Loyola High School in 1972, he decided to become a Jesuit and was ordained a priest in 1984. He received his BA in English from Gonzaga University; an MA in English from Loyola Marymount University; a Master of Divinity from the Weston School of Theology; and a Sacred Theology Masters degree from the Jesuit School of Theology.



Homeboy Industries is a program created in 1988 by Fr. Greg at Dolores Mission parish. In an effort to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth, Fr. Greg and the community developed positive alternatives, including establishing an elementary school, a day care program, and finding legitimate employment for young people. In 1992, Fr. Greg launched the first business - Homeboy Bakery - with a mission to create an environment that provided training, work experience, and above all, the opportunity for rival gang members to work side by side. Today Homeboy Industries' nonprofit economic development enterprises include: *Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy Maintenance, Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise, and Homegirl Café.*

Homeboy Industries, located in downtown Los Angeles, is recognized as the largest gang intervention program in the county, and has become a national model.

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