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RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Connecting Research and Practice

Resilience: What Science Says About Overcoming

8:30AM – 2:00 PM*
OCTOBER 1, 2025
HOUSTON, TEXAS

* This is a pre-Summit Intensive before the opening session of CAFO2025. Registration is required.



In a world that often portrays trauma as insurmountable, the science behind resilience offers a refreshing and hopeful perspective.

The 2025 Research Symposium brings leading experts together to illuminate the science and Scriptural truths behind resilience, including the individual, family, and organizational factors that equip children to navigate and overcome adversity. With a special emphasis on practical applications for children and youth separated from parental care - whether in foster homes, adoptive families, residential care, or other alternative care settings - this dynamic gathering will transform scholarly insights into actionable strategies for nurturing strength and healing.

PRIMARY AUDIENCE

- > Leaders & staff of NGOs serving vulnerable children and families globally
- > Churches and ministry leaders supporting care for children and families
- > Parents caring for children who have experienced adversity
- > Researchers on child welfare-related topics

FORMAT & CONTENT

Returning for its 12th consecutive year, this unique event unites cutting-edge research, age-old Christian practices, and immensely practical day-to-day strategies. Through interactive sessions and collaborative discussions, participants will:

- > Examine new research discoveries on resilience factors and their practical applications
- > Learn evidence-based intervention techniques
- > Develop innovative support strategies that harness natural resilience factors

Join us as we explore both the research and practicalities of supporting children to overcome adversity and emerge stronger.

This event will be held 8:30am - 2:00pm before the opening session of CAFO2025. Last year, Summit drew 2,000+ attendees from across 30 countries. CAFO unites more than 260 respected Christian organizations serving vulnerable children in 130+ countries worldwide.

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