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Re: Judge Tom Webb

Judge Tom B. Webb recently presented his heart-wrenching seminar "You Can Make a Difference" during Delta Dental of Kansas' *Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness* (P.A.N.D.A.®) week. Employees from several P.A.N.D.A.® Coalition member organizations attended the seminar. Many were state-mandated reporters to whom the issue of reporting child abuse and neglect is a central subject, but this seminar is also for all who have a desire to shine a light on a dark world. Throughout Judge Webb's presentation, attendees were exposed to the harsh reality of child abuse and neglect, but learned that they too can make a difference in a child's life. Participants left the seminar with a desire to persevere and a new perspective on their own lives.

Judge Webb's message to maintain a positive attitude, despite difficult circumstances, is inspirational. With the difficult situations he was faced with as a child it would have been simple for him to give up. But he rose from hardships and built a life that is dedicated to educating others on how to identify the signs of child abuse and neglect and how to be positive influence in our world. He's proof that an optimistic outlook can carry you further than you can imagine.

Judge Webb's story, a testament of courage and perseverance, is full of heart-felt emotion that participants will not soon forget.

### **Judge Webb Testimonial**

#### **Comments from participants/attendees:**

"Judge Webb was raised in an environment that we either cannot comprehend or we choose to ignore. It's difficult to grasp that he could be in a place where there was no opportunity for assistance, yet he was. 'You Can Make a Difference' is a seminar you will not soon forget because of the story Judge Webb has to tell. After all, it is his life.

There is great responsibility that comes with being a state-mandated reporter. It is difficult to decide what needs to be reported and what does not. It is part of our culture to avoid getting involved, yet Judge Webb's teaching inspired us all to take a closer look and muster the courage to report any suspicious case. Participants in the seminar hosted by Delta Dental of Kansas during P.A.N.D.A.® (Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness) week completed a survey after Judge Webb's presentation. Fifty-one percent of respondents had at one point suspected child abuse and/or neglect, yet only 33% actually reported it. After hearing Judge Webb speak, 95% stated they will now report all suspected cases. Now that's inspirational!"

- **Jon W. Tilton, DDS – Vice President of Professional Review, Dental Director for Delta Dental of Kansas**

“The ‘You Can Make a Difference’ seminar is important for many reasons. First, it is amazing how successful he has become despite his rough childhood. His experience with turmoil sends the message that if he can emerge from the depths, others can handle challenges presented in their lives as well. Second, his words heightened participants’ awareness that horrible things do happen, even to children. Sometimes it’s difficult to grasp the pain others experience growing up when many of us come from structured, loving families. I hope others were as inspired as I was to reach out for community involvement opportunities.

After participating in this educational seminar, I was reminded how great I have it. It’s easy to get down on yourself and life after a tough day at work, but Judge Webb helped me put a few things in perspective.”

- **Kristy Laufer – Employee Development Specialist for Delta Dental of Kansas**

“I truly appreciated Judge Webb’s ‘You Can Make a Difference’ seminar because it heightened my awareness of child abuse and neglect. He experienced things at a young age that we cannot fathom, which makes me appreciative for the life I have.

His emotion in telling his touching story is second to none – it’s truly inspirational and life-altering.”

- **Kim Franklin - Professional Relations Liaison for Delta Dental of Kansas**

**\*Other comments from “You Can Make a Difference” seminar participants:**

***What did you find most interesting about this training?***

- Compassion - A good reminder that my behavior and attitude can affect others.
- Honesty and emotional connection; faith-based.
- How you can make a difference in someone’s life. And the impact it can have on you and others by keeping positive.
- How your attitude affects your behavior and how you need to value yourself before you can value others.
- Inspirational – It reminded me that the work I do matters.
- The story shows the potential children have if one person shows enough interest - no one is too small or insignificant.
- Thank you! Judge Webb is an inspiration and life altering. I plan to recommend his seminar to everyone. I can’t wait to see him speak again.

***Statistics from post-seminar survey:***

- 100% of participants found Judge Webb’s presentation educational.
- Before the seminar 51% of participants had suspected child abuse and/or neglect yet only 33% actually reported it. After hearing Judge Webb speak, 95% stated they would now report all suspected cases.