

LET'S FLY

LEARNING LUNCHEON SERIES

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BRINGING TOGETHER INDUSTRY EXPERTS TO CREATE A SPACE FOR DIALOGUE ON ISSUES THAT ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE HELPING INDUSTRY.



Let's Fly Learning Luncheons

Presented by Christina Gorczynski and Melanie Pang of First Person



Let's Fly Learning Luncheons May 2014 Schedule

Texas Foster Care System: From a Personal and Political Perspective

May 7, 2014

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Crisis Communications for Nonprofit Organizations: Getting Control of the Message when Things Go Wrong
May 21, 2014

Featuring Sarah Black
(Communications Consultant),

Texas Foster Care System: From a Personal and Political Perspective

Featuring

Katherine Barillas, Ph.D. (Director of Child Welfare Policy at One Voice Texas) and **Kristopher Sharp** (University of Houston-Downtown student and Foster Care Advocate)

Wednesday

May 7, 2014

11:30am-1:00pm

Registration Required: \$35

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Ticket includes program, networking, lunch, water, tea, coffee, taxes, gratuity, valet parking and dessert.

Menu designed by Monica Pope.



Sarah Schimmer (Public Relations,
AAA Texas/AAA New Mexico), and
Courtenay Siegfried (Vice
President, 20K Group)

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SPARROW
BAR + COOKSHOP

Kristopher Sharp is a Senior Social Work major and former Student Body Vice-President at the University of Houston-Downtown who is currently serving as a legislative intern in the office of Senator Patty Murray. As a child who grew up in the Texas foster care system, Kristopher has faced a world of difficulties in a very short amount of time. Even so, Kristopher maintains a strong commitment to serving his community and fighting social injustices.

Dr. Katherine Barillas has over 15 years in the field of child welfare with experience in direct service, policy analysis, advocacy and research. She has a Master's in Social Work and a doctorate in political science from the University of Houston. She is currently the Director of Child Welfare Policy at One Voice Texas. Dr. Barillas has testified in front of state legislators during three legislative sessions and been an integral part of the passage of several piece of important legislation.

2014 Let's Fly Learning Luncheon Series Presented by First Person brings together subject matter thought-leaders working on issues ranging from food politics to the Texas foster care system to women in leadership. Help us raise Houston to a higher standard of helping people and policies reach their full potential.