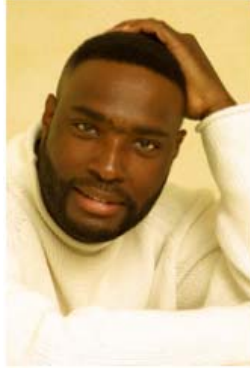




2nd Annual Texas Foster Youth Conference

FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER



ANTWONE FISHER

Currently, Antwone works in Hollywood as a director, screenwriter, author and film producer. New York Times best seller, *Finding Fish a Memoir*, is the inspiring story of his incredible life's journey. The film, *Antwone Fisher*, based on Fisher's life and written by Fisher himself reflects on his life as a sailor and as a child growing up as a ward of the state of Ohio. Through his collection of poetry titled, *Who Will Cry For The Little Boy?* a national best seller and now one of the best selling books of poetry of all time, Fisher reveals the inner truths that took him from a tumultuous childhood to the man he is today.

QUESTION & ANSWER DISCUSSION PANEL

PANELISTS

- State Representative Abel Herrero, Health & Human Services Committee; Corpus Christi
- (Retired) Judge John Specia, Foster Care Advocate; San Antonio, Texas
- Eric Steiner, Casey Family Programs, Employment Manager; Seattle, Washington
- Cheronda Tillman, Region 8 PAL Program Youth Specialist
- Shannon Ramsey, Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Policy; Austin, Texas
- Annica Trotter, EPWORTH, Senior Peer Advisor; St. Louis, Missouri
- Annette Emery, Texas DFPS STAR Health Program; Austin, Texas
- Dr. Josué Gonzalez, Regional DARS Psychologist; Austin, Texas
- George "G" Johnson, Parent Involvement Consultant, CCISD; Corpus Christi, Texas
- MaryAnn Rojas, WorkSource of the Coastal Bend; Corpus Christi, Texas

WORKSHOPS & PRESENTERS

Straightway Drug Prevention Program; Houston, TX

A touring group that have beaten the odds and give life changing messages of hope, making good choices and realizing consequences

Rene Bourassa, Therapist; Corpus Christi, TX

“Dealing with your anger”

“Establishing your relationship boundaries”

Keith Deltano, Julian, NC

“Labels Lie”

Shannon Ramsey, Texas Workforce Commission; **Eric Steiner,** Casey Family Programs; **Annica Trotter,** EPWORTH Program

“Developing partnerships that work”

Dorothy McDowell, Dorothy McDowell Motivational Speaker; Amarillo, TX

“Your past does NOT decide your future!”

“Are you REALLY ready to work?”

Beau Heyen, Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network; Dallas, TX

“Understanding your feelings”

Dr. Josue Gonzalez, DARS Regional Psychologist; Austin, TX

“Working with children with special needs”

Lula “Belle” Huitt & Alma Alfaro, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, Region 11 PAL Youth Program

“How to Shop SMART!”

Coastal Bend Area Employer Human Resources Representatives

“Leave an Impression!”--On site job interviewing & critiquing throughout the day