

## Highlights from the 2011 North Texas Health Forum

On April 7 and 8, 2011, the University of North Texas Health Science Center's (UNTHSC) School of Public Health sponsored the 4<sup>th</sup> annual North Texas Health Forum on "Embracing our Community of African American Children."

Emotional well-being is a significant issue for African American children in Tarrant County. The North Texas Health Forum presented the root causes of this issue and began the investigation of approaches to reduce this burden.

Keynote speaker for the event was Alwyn T. Cohall, MD, MPH, director of the Harlem Health Promotion Center, one of the 33 national Prevention Research Centers established by the CDC to bridge the gap between academia and vulnerable communities. Dr. Cohall is board certified in pediatrics and adolescent health and also serves as director of Project Stay, which provides confidential health services to young people affected by HIV/AIDS. He is Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health in the School of Public Health and Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences in the School of Medicine at Columbia University.

**[To view a video of Dr. Cohall's presentation, click here:](#)**

To view other presentations from the event in PowerPoint format, please click the following links:

### **[Scope of the Issue in Tarrant County](#)**

*Presented by Larry Tubb, Senior Vice President, Cook Children's Health Care System, Fort Worth, Texas*

### **[Wrapping Around the Issue in Tarrant County](#)**

*Presented by Kay Barkin, Social Marketer, Hand-in-Hand, Mental Health Connection, Tarrant County, Texas*

### **[Creating Recommendations for Effective Action](#)**

Presented by Kathryn Cardarelli, PhD, MPH, Director, Center for Community Health at UNTHSC