

Keynote:

Collaborative & Proactive Solutions: Fostering the Positive Side of Human Nature

Are the ways in which we're parenting, teaching, and disciplining our kids fostering skills on the better side of human nature? Why do the problems that affect kids' lives so often cause conflict between us and them? What should we be doing differently?

Ross W. Greene is the originator of the Collaborative & Proactive Solutions model (formerly known as Collaborative Problem Solving), which was first articulated in his acclaimed book *The Explosive Child*. He was on the faculty at Harvard Medical School for over 20 years, and is now Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech. He is the founder and director of the non-profit, *Lives in the Balance*, which provides vast free resources on his model and advocates on behalf of behaviorally challenging kids and their parents, teachers, and other caregivers. He has authored numerous articles, chapters, and scientific papers on kids with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges and the effectiveness of this model in helping them and their caregivers.

Dr. Greene consults extensively to general and special education schools, inpatient psychiatry units, and residential and juvenile detention facilities, and lectures widely throughout the world. His media appearances include the Oprah Show, Dateline NBC, The Morning Show, Good Morning America, and National Public Radio.