



# Annual Virtual Continuing Education Conference

## Keynote Speaker

Wednesday, June 7th | Day 1

## If These Children Were Our Own Children

All of us come to this work to succeed in helping, healing and making the world a better place. Today, much of our work is highly regulated and increasingly driven by mandates, contracts, and litigation. This keynote will provide a perspective of the challenges faced by a large majority of poor children and families, thoughts on the role that we can play despite the increasingly complex and complicated demands faced, and an approach to achieving our personal goals for success.



**Dr. Jeremy C. Kohomban**  
President and CEO, The Children's Village  
President, Harlem Dowling

Dr. Jeremy Christopher Kohomban is the President and CEO of The Children's Village and the President of Harlem Dowling, the organizations collectively serving 15,000 children and families each year.

Dr. Kohomban is a leading national advocate for reforms to the child welfare system that prioritize the needs of families and preventive services. He was a primary contributor to the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, which created the greatest advances to the child welfare field in over four decades.

In testament to Dr. Kohomban's work, the US Department of Health and Human Services called The Children's Village "one of the exemplary primary prevention efforts operating in urban and rural jurisdictions across the country." He was invited to partner with the Federal Children's Bureau to showcase Children's Village work and approach in support of expanding community-based, family-focused prevention programs. During his tenure, the Children's Village was recognized with the Gold Prize from the New York Community Trust-New York Magazine's Nonprofit Excellence Awards, the US Congressional Coalition Angels in Adoption award, the Child Welfare League of America Exemplary Innovative Leadership Award, and the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, Samuel Gerson Nordlinger Leadership Award.



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Dr. Kohomban is chair of the Human Services Council of New York, the national co-chair of the Children Need Amazing Parents (CHAMPS) campaign, and a Trustee of Save the Children. He serves as a reviewer on the American Institutes for Research's Equity Initiative and was recently appointed by the mayor of New York City to be a member of the Commission on Community Reinvestment and the Closure of Riker's Island.

He is a graduate of Emporia State University, Kansas, holds a Masters from Long Island University, New York, a PhD from the School for Business and Leadership at Regent University, Virginia, and a LittD (Honorary Doctor of Letters) from Mercy College, New York.