

# LEARNING TO LISTEN

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### General Posts

Join Joshua Sparrow, MD, child psychiatrist and @brazeltontouchpointscenar's Executive Director, in conversation this spring about children in war zones, trauma and the healing power of story, raising multicultural children, and children on the spectrum who find purpose and belonging through the arts. Register today! [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

Learning to Listen: Conversations for Change returns spring 2020, with new topics including listening across cultures, healing childhood trauma, children on the spectrum discovering their inner artist. Register today! [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

### Ishmael Beah and Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda Specific Posts

Don't miss the return of @brazeltontouchpointcenter's Learning to Listen series on Wednesday, March 4 at 3 pm ET, 12 noon PT with Trauma and Recovery: Child Soldiers Raising Children to Make Peace. Joshua Sparrow, MD speaks with Ishmael Beah and Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda about their personal experiences with children in war zones, and the role of stories as medicine in healing from trauma. [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

Ishmael Beah recounts his experience as a child soldier in Sierra Leone in the critically acclaimed memoir, A Long Way Gone, and has devoted his life's work to giving voice and hope to children in war zones. Human rights lawyer, Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda has risked her life rescuing and rehabilitating children used by terrorists as weapons of war. On Wednesday, March 4 at 3 pm ET, 12 noon PT, the couple talk with Brazelton Touchpoints Center's Joshua Sparrow, MD about child trauma and healing, and about raising their own children to understand who they are and where they come from. [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

Ishmael Beah was a child soldier in Sierra Leone and survived to speak the unspeakable, writing about the horrors of war and how as a child he overcame the hijacking of his childhood in his best seller, A Long Way Gone. In her work for the UN, Priscillia Kounkou Hoveyda negotiated with a dozen terrorist groups across Africa to secure the release of over 1,000 child soldiers and helped reintegrate girls used as weapons of war into their communities. Together they are raising their own children in California. Find out how they got from there to here, and how they carry the children they were and the children they've known with them into their own lives and family. [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

### TEASERS:

- How do you listen to a child whose stories are unspeakable?
- Listen to the stories of children in war zones, and what they can teach us about what every child needs and deserves, and about peace in our everyday lives.
- How do children in war zones learn to say what no one can bear to hear?
- How do children's earliest experiences help them overcome evil?

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### Elaine Hall and Yudi Bennett Specific Posts

On Wednesday, April 15 at 3 pm ET, 12 noon PT, Brazelton Touchpoints Center's Joshua Sparrow, MD sits down with Elaine Hall, internationally recognized autism spectrum educator and advocate and the founder of The Miracle Project, and Yudi Bennett, co-founder of Exceptional Minds and founder of Foothill Autism Alliance, to discuss how musical comedy and animation can help children on the spectrum find their voice and purpose, and go beyond mere inclusion to experience belonging. [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

National Autism Awareness Month promotes autism understanding and hope for the tens of thousands of children receiving an autism spectrum diagnosis each year. Brazelton Touchpoints Center's Joshua Sparrow, MD asked Yudi Bennett, co-founder of Exceptional Minds, and Elaine Hall, founder of The Miracle Project, about how their personal experiences raising children on the spectrum led them back to their own careers in the arts to create new opportunities for their children and children like them to be unconditionally accepted and find meaning and purpose in their lives. Join us on Wednesday, April 15 at 3 PM ET, 12 noon PT for this conversation! [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

When Yudi Bennett told her pediatrician that her two-year-old son's development was going off track, the doctor said, "if you'd just be stricter, he'd grow out of it." The child soon lost all of his language and was eventually diagnosed with autism. Elaine Hall's son never had spoken language. Yudi and Elaine both learned not only to listen to their children, but to give voice to thousands of children with autism spectrum disorders. Find out how their children changed their lives, what they learned as they listened, and how listening led to an animation studio and a theatre company where young people with autism are getting the world to listen to them. [www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening](http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/listening)

#### TEASERS:

- How do you listen to a child who can't speak?
- How do you listen to a child who is losing his words?
- Find out how Yudi Bennet and Elaine Hall learned to listen to their children, and how their children changed their worlds.
- Find out how their children inspired a theater company and an animation studio that give voice and hope to children on the spectrum everywhere.