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Visit the [Science of Parenting](#) website to learn more about the conference or to register.

The event is presented by the [USFSP Department of Psychology](#), the [Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County](#), USFSP Psychological Science Organization, and the USFSP Graduate Association for Students in Psychology. The conference also is USFSP 50th Anniversary event sponsored by Wells Fargo. [Learn more](#) about USFSP's yearlong celebration and other upcoming events.



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