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**DAVID SHEFF AUTHOR OF “BEAUTIFUL BOY” TO HEADLINE ANNUAL PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

Bend, Ore. -- David Sheff, author of the popular book and now major motion picture, “Beautiful Boy”, will headline the Second Annual Oregon Conference on Opioids + Other Drugs, Pain + Addiction Treatment (OPAT). The annual statewide conference promotes change to meet the challenges Oregonians face in combating drug abuse and promoting and improving addiction treatment.

Sheff is the author of *Clean: Overcoming Addiction and Ending America’s Greatest Tragedy*, the follow-up to his New York Times #1 best seller, *Beautiful Boy: A Father’s Journey Through His Son’s Addiction*. Sheff has spent years investigating the disease of addiction and America’s drug problem, which he sees as the greatest public health challenge of our time.

In 2009, Sheff was named to the Time 100, Time Magazine’s list of the World’s Most Influential People. The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids honored him with a Special Tribute Award “in recognition of his voice and leadership for families who are struggling with addiction.”

“Having a voice like David Sheff, an international leader, and genuine perspective on the pain and suffering families and individuals experience with addiction is an incredible honor and opportunity for Oregon,” said Dwight Holton, CEO of Lines for Life. “We invite everyone to join us this May and be a part of the solution for ending the opioid crisis and finding solutions to addiction issues.”

Registration is officially open, and Lines for Life and partners invite doctors, public health professionals, individuals in recovery, elected officials, tribes, community leaders and concerned Oregonians to join the conversation, May 29-31, 2019 at the Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon. [Tickets available here.](#)

The Oregon Conference on Opioids + Other Drugs, Pain + Addiction Treatment showcases state and national solutions to make systemic change in our approach to opioids, pain and addiction treatment. The conference will highlight initiatives that cross disciplines, promote equity, and fight for the dignity and recovery of those suffering from pain, substance use disorder, or both.

To become a conference sponsor or learn more, please contact Elizabeth White, MPA, *Prevention Policy Analyst, Project Manager*, Oregon Coalition for the Responsible Use of Meds (OrCRM), a service of Lines for Life at [elizabethw@linesforlife.org](mailto:elizabethw@linesforlife.org)

*Lines for Life is a 501c3 nonprofit that works to prevent substance abuse and suicide and promote mental wellness. The organization operates the suicide crisis line 24/7/365 in addition to the Oregon YouthLine, Senior Loneliness Line, Drug & Alcohol Line, Military Helpline and many others. We also work to find ways to end the opioid crisis.*

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