

Communities Collaborative Conference

Brain Development

"Ten Years Of Making A Difference"

August 10th-12th, 2010

Shooting Star Casino Hotel & Event Center
Mahnomon, MN



The Science Museum of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota's Center for Early Education and Development have collaborated on a one-of-a-kind exhibit of the developing child *and the importance of high quality early childhood experiences*. Conference participants will be the FIRST to SEE an amazing prototype of the exhibit depicting babies, genes, experiences that give direction, portrayal of the way children think and learn, and then how nourishing and supportive relationships buffer the child from stress to lay the foundations for their future. There will be a breakout session on this exhibit.

August 10th Preconference Sessions



Dr. Larry Burd, professor in the Department of Neuroscience and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine will present an in-depth preconference session titled "*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Brain Development*".



Tracy Clark & Sue Peterson, MSW's, professors of Social Work at Minnesota State University at Moorhead will team present a preconference session titled "*Racial Identity Development in Youth*".



Sue Heisler, White Earth Child Care Program Early Childhood Curriculum Educator, Relax and Learn at this "evening ice cream social" session titled "*Social Emotional Hands— On Teaching Strategies for Young Children*". (Evening Session)

August 11th & 12th Conference Sessions



Dr. Verna Price, Robbinsdale, Minnesota a consultant, author and educator will present a keynote titled "*Empowering People to Excellence*" and a breakout session "*Reducing Aggression in Girls*" using her model program "Girls in Action".



Dr. Cathy Grace, the Children's Defense Fund Director of Early Childhood Development, Washington D.C., will present an opening keynote *Neurons to Neighborhoods; What We Have Learned in the Past Ten Years*.



Dr. Spencer Henry, Pennsylvania, an author and international consultant. His experience working with at risk and difficult students has led him to develop strategies for educators, administrators and care providers. His keynote is titled "*You Can Choose to Make a Difference*" he will also present two in-depth sessions on Teaching Strategies for Prevention, Intervention and Motivation.



Dr. Joan Lombardi, Washington D.C., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development for the US Department of Health and Human Services, provides overall policy for the Head Start and Early Head Start Program, the Child Care and Development Fund and serves as liaison with the U.S. Department of Education and other federal agencies.
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Dr. Don Bartlett, author, speaker, social worker, counselor, educator and advocate for minority persons, victims of child abuse and a survivor of alcohol addiction, will present "*Cookies for Breakfast*" a presentation to professionals and parents who need to be reminded that what we teach our children is of paramount importance to them.



Dr. Glen Palm, Interim Dean, College of Education, St. Cloud State University will present two breakout sessions, "*Fathers are Important to Children's Mental Health*" and "*Incarcerated Parents, Inside Out*". Both sessions are about the importance of involved fathers to their child's development and well-being and will be of interest to parents and professionals.

For Registration information, go to: www.whiteearthchildcare.com

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