

Keynotes for Children Youth & Families June 2009



**INITIATIVE
FOUNDATION**

Workshops & Conferences

Introduction to Infant Mental Health: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Offered in partnership with the Minnesota Thrive Initiative and St. Cloud State University.
(3 credit course)

For students, practitioners and anyone interested in learning about the field of infant mental health. Greater St. Cloud Area Thrive is offering a limited number of scholarships for participants who are taking the class for credit. The class is also available at a lower cost for participants taking the class for CEU only.

Costs & Scholarship Information:

CEU ONLY: \$250 plus any CEU fee required by your discipline and plus the cost of books.

UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT: \$629.19 plus the cost of books.

GRADUATE CREDIT: \$914.34 plus the cost of books.

We also have a VERY LIMITED number of scholarships (\$200 towards the costs of the class) available for credit seeking students. If you would like to apply for the scholarship, please fill out the attached application and return to Jane Ellison. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information contact Jane Ellison, Project Manager, Greater St. Cloud Area Thrive (320) 258-1103 or jane.ellison@isd47.org.

Download:

- Class Flyer
- Scholarship Application
- Directions to Register for Credit
- Registration Form for CEU

Center for Early Education and Development Online Summer Courses

June 1 to August 3

“Parent-Infant Pathways: An Educator's Guide to Providing Information and Support to New Parents” (36 clock hours) <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/pip.htm>

June 1 to August 3

“Bridging Education and Mental Health”(24 clock hours).

<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/beam.htm>

June 8 to August 10

“Introduction to Infant Mental Health” (24 clock hours)

<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/imh.htm>

June 8 to August 10

"Premature Babies and Their Parents: Information and Insights for Early Intervention Personnel" (36 clock hours) <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/preemies.htm>

June 15 to August 24

"Prenatal Developmental Intervention: For Professionals Working with Families During Pregnancy" (new) (24 clock hours) <http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/prenatal.htm>

For more information on the above listed courses, please visit:

<http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/2009OnlineCourseSchedule.pdf>

The Role of Prenatal & Birth Experience in Emotional Well-Being

June 10-13, 2009

Dr. Wendy McCarty, renowned Prenatal & Birth Therapist, is making a rare Twin Cities visit. A former obstetrical nurse, Dr. McCarty is an international educator on the lifelong significance of prenatal, birth and bonding experiences. This period, known as primary development, is often where many life-limiting patterns are rooted and, therefore, is the source of profound healing potential.

Three programs are being offered aimed at infancy professionals who work with babies from pre-conception through the first year, mental health professionals and mothers:

June 10 - Being With Babies in Ways that Positively Influence Pregnancy, Birth & Beyond - acknowledging the mind-body-spirit connection has the potential to significantly impact pregnancy and birth outcomes. For more information or to register, visit:

http://www.tenmoonsrising.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=35&year=2009&month=6&day=10&Itemid=36&catid=11

June 11 - Primary Development as the Source of Core Life Patterns - prevent, mitigate, and heal life-limiting patterns more effectively and efficiently. For more information or to register, visit:

http://www.tenmoonsrising.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=40&year=2009&month=6&day=11&Itemid=36&catid=11

June 13 - Healing Unresolved Birth Experiences in Moms, Babies & Children - address experiences such as unexpected outcomes, feeling out of control or disempowered that may lead to grief, postpartum depression, unmet needs, guilt, or PTSD symptoms. For more information or to register, visit:

http://www.tenmoonsrising.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=36&year=2009&month=6&day=13&Itemid=36&catid=11

Trauma and Self-Regulation in Children

June 11, 2009

8:30 - 11:30 AM (Check in begins at 8:00 AM)

University of Minnesota Rochester, University Square, 111 Broadway, Rochester, MN

Children who have experienced trauma have difficulty with self-regulation, and may be misdiagnosed as oppositional, attachment disordered, or hyperactive. In the safety of secure attachments, however, children can re-process traumatic experiences and learn to cope with, adapt to, and overcome the effects of trauma; in other words, to be resilient. This half-day workshop will provide information on the assessment of the effects of trauma on children and guidelines for intervention. Case studies will illustrate key points.

For more information or to register, visit:

http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/attributes/pdf/ChildrenandTrauma_6-11-09.pdf

Youth Development Through a Family Systems Lens

June 15-August 7, 2009

Internet Course; Graduate level FSoS 8150: Special Topics in Family Social Science (3 credits)

Instructor: Jodi Dworkin, Ph.D.

This Internet-delivered course is designed for students interested in youth and family development as well as professionals who work with youth and families. Its aim is to give a more complete view of the intersection between youth and family development by bridging a positive youth development approach with family systems theory. Instruction will focus on bi-directionality in the family system, parenting, and parent-child relationships. In addition, it will apply these concepts to work with youth and families (specifically, parent education with families with teens).

For more information or to register, visit: <http://cehd.umn.edu/fsos/Courses/gradCourses/default.asp>
Non University of Minnesota students should contact Jodi Dworkin at jdworkin@umn.edu.

Tour of Innovative Fatherhood Programs

June 16, 2009

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join MFFN for a pre-Father's Day tour of four fatherhood programs in south Minneapolis. The tour is open to public policymakers, family court staff, judges, social service professionals, educators, business leaders, news media, and other community members interested in learning about the innovative work that is helping men to become great fathers. Details are here: www.mnfathers.org/Tour2009.pdf or contact Paul at (651) 222-7432 or info@mnfathers.org.

Supporting Parents in Recovery

June 23, 2009

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Hillside Early Childhood Center, 30 S. 4th Ave., Sauk Rapids

Presented by Sharon Hesseltine, MDH Family Home Visiting Program. Sponsored by the Greater MN Thrive Initiative. For more information, contact Jane Ellison at jane.ellison@isd47.org.

Online Fatherhood Summer Course

July 4, 2009 to Friday, August 7, 2009

Internet Course

Offered by Univ. of MN (CI5900-Sec 005 – Fatherhood) (1 credit-online course). Registration # 91814.; Instructor: Chris Buzzetta. (Online chat: Thursdays 7:00-7:45 p.m.)

The course explores unique aspects of the father-child relationship and the important role fathers play in child development. Participants will explore attachment, topics of diversity and changing perspectives on masculinity and gender roles. They will also discover ways the father-child relationship can be fostered within educational settings. This class consists of 5 weekly modules. Each module starts on Saturday (Day 1) and continues through Friday (Day 7). Course schedule: Days 1-4: online discussion; Day 6 online chat; Day 7: weekly online reflection. Online chats will be held Thursday evenings from 7:00-7:45 PM.

Questions should be directed to one-stop student services at 612-624-1111. For more information about other courses and programs offered in Family, Youth and Community, contact Heather Cline at fyf@umn.edu or 612-624-1294.

Fathers to the Forefront: Policy Year-in-Review

July 23, 2009

10 AM – 2:30 PM

Minneapolis/St. Paul location to be determined

Sponsored by the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network with support from the McKnight Foundation. RSVP: Space is limited; registration is free; RSVP is required. You may RSVP by contacting Paul Masiarchin at the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network: info@mnfathers.org or (651) 222-7432.

High Fidelity Wraparound Skills Training

June 3-4, June 29-30, August 10-11

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

River City Extreme, Monticello, MN

Cost (includes breakfast, lunch and CEUs): Free for families and providers within Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties; \$225/person for out-of-county participants.

This six-day training course is for anyone who coordinates services for children, youth, or adults with mental health concerns and/or other complex needs. As always, this STARS event is open to parents/caregivers and youth. Participants will receive extensive training on High Fidelity Wraparound and the 95 core skill sets in the National Wraparound Initiative. For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.starsnetwork.org/events.php?id=270>

Funding Opportunities

Initiative Foundation's 2009 Focus on Economic Recovery

In response to the current economic situation, the Initiative Foundation has focused its grant making guidelines on the following priorities:

- Help communities plan for and address barriers to economic development, including transportation, childcare, affordable housing and sustainable energy.
- Build effectiveness of organizations and coalitions that serve children and families in economic distress, especially through planning and partnerships.
- Support training programs for at-risk and displaced workers that lead to employment or advancement in growing industries.
- Help small businesses survive and grow despite economic challenges, by supporting nonprofit consulting services, mentorship and education efforts.

If you would like more information about these guidelines or would like to visit about how your Children, Youth or Family serving organization or project might fit into these guidelines, please contact Linda Kaufmann or Jana Shogren at 320-632-9255.

Nike Inc. Cash Grants

Deadline: Eligible proposals are reviewed throughout the year.

Nike Inc. envisions a world where the power of sport builds valuable skills: leadership, conflict resolution, equity and trauma relief. The corporation works with experienced partners in youth and education to address needs of vulnerable populations by linking experts with low-income youth, minorities, young women, and youth living in conflict situations. Nike is also interested in seeing excluded youth have greater access to sports programs that are designed to unleash human potential.

Grants are made to nonprofit organizations or collaborations among organizations. A minimum of \$315 million in grants, product donations, and in-kind support through 2011 will be made to give excluded youth greater access to sport programs designed to unleash human potential. Info:

http://www.nikebiz.com/responsibility/downloads/HTA_Cash.pdf

Justice Dept. (Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, OJJDP)

Deadline: June 15

Program: Strategic Enhancements to Mentoring Programs (CFDA Number: 16.726) (Funding Opportunity Number: OJJDP-2009-2226) (YOUTH) Applicants Vie for \$500,000 Awards to Improve Mentoring Efforts

Eligibility: Governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofits; Funding: Awards up to \$500,000

The program enhances already existing mentoring programs' abilities by: (1) improving the involvement of and services for the mentoring participants' parents and family; (2) expanding structured activities and opportunities for the mentoring pairs; and (3) increasing the availability of mentor training and support.

Grantees will implement, monitor and assess mentoring strategies. OJJDP encourages applicants to incorporate best practices based on research and to consider a variety of mentoring approaches.

Editor's note: OJJDP offers priority for several types of endeavors, including 1) -Organizations that have mentoring programs ready for implementation, can monitor and collect performance measure data from all affiliates and associated programs, and can use the data to verify successful outcomes, 2) Applicants that work in areas with significant community disadvantage, as designated by OJJDP's Socioeconomic Mapping and Resource Topography (SMART) tool (Page 11 in the grant guidance provides additional SMART details), 3) Applicants that can demonstrate collaboration with any of the following institutions: schools, law enforcement, faith-based or community organizations, national programs focused on activities complementary to mentoring or after school learning programs.

Info: Jennifer Tyson, 202/305-1598; e-mail, jennifer.tyson@usdoj.gov; Michael Shader, 202/616-2605; e-mail, michael.shader@usdoj.gov; for grant guidance, please visit:

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/SEMP.pdf>.

Things to Know

FRED: Fathers Reading Everyday

The Initiative Foundation recently made a grant to the Minnesota Humanities Council to increase the number of FRED programs in our region. FRED is a literacy program aimed at engaging fathers in literacy. If you are interested in learning how your organization can implement FRED for little or no cost to you, contact Jana Shogren at jshogren@ifound.org or 320-632-9522.

MFFN 2009 Public Policy Agenda and Updates are available online at www.mnfathers.org/policy.html.
More info: Contact Melissa at mfroehle@mnfathers.org.

Couples Scruples – an interactive scenario game for couples developed by Glen Palm and Jane Ellison <http://www.mnfathers.org/couplescruples08.pdf>

MFFN Database of Programs for Fathers Across Minnesota

Find the program nearest you: www.mnfathers.org/search/ServProvSearch.php.

The Men's Line

Call this free 24-hour service for confidential help and information if you are worried, stressed, angry, depressed, or just need to talk to someone who will listen. (612) 379-MENS (612-379-6367) or toll-free in Greater Minnesota: 1-866-379-6367.

Social Network and Question/Answer Site for Dads

Odadeo is an online resource that can help fathers become better dads. Share your parenting expertise, ask questions about fathering, and post highlights about your own family. Online here: <http://odadeo.com>.

Resources for Children, Youth & Families

The Intersection between Child Support & Workforce Development: Navigating the Child Support System: Lessons from the Fathers at Work Initiative. (Resource Manual)

Research shows that nearly half of all children born in the US today will be eligible for child support before they reach the age of 18. Many low-income, noncustodial fathers—who often struggle to make these payments—will seek services from workforce development organizations. Yet, understanding the child support enforcement system can be challenging—not only for noncustodial fathers but also for the workforce organizations that want to assist them. This document aims to help meet this challenge by providing information, resources and tools to use at the intersection of workforce development and child support enforcement. The document is published by *Public/Private Ventures, February 2009*: www.ppv.org/ppv/publication.asp?search_id=20&publication_id=274§ion_id=0

Ten Reasons to Refocus National Attention on Teen Childbearing (Research)

Seven years ago, when the teen birth rate had been decreasing for more than a decade, Child Trends reminded the public that teen childbearing was still a serious problem in the United States, releasing *Ten Reasons to Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing*. With news last month from the federal government that the teen birth rate increased for a second year in a row, Child Trends releases *Ten Reasons to Still Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing*. The brief enumerates ten important research-based findings that underscore why we cannot afford to lose focus on the need to reduce the relatively high rates of teenage childbearing in the U.S. Online here: http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_04_01_RB_KeepingFocus.pdf (March 2009).

2009 Youth Intervention Conference - Call for Proposals October 27-28, 2009

University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul, MN

Do you have expertise in an area of youth intervention that you would like to share with others who work directly with youth? Have you:

- Worked successful with youth who have either gotten in trouble, made some mistakes or shown signs of heading down the wrong path?
- Had success with an innovative new program, initiative or special project?
- Had experience working with a specific population?
- Been considered a "go-to" person on a particular topic?

YIPA is seeking informational presentations for the 2009 Youth Intervention Conference.

For more information or to submit a proposal, visit:

<http://www.mnyipa.org/control.php?ezSID=230ad5530ca26c48b7976649f8a446a4&topgroupname=&groupname=education&subgroupname=&contentname=FA09>

General Resources:

- [Inside-Out Connections Fact Sheet: Building Support for the Children of Incarcerated Parents](#)
- [Getting School Ready in Minnesota Brochure](#)
- [Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative \(MECI\) Fact Sheet](#)
- [THRIVE Fact Sheet](#)

This newsletter is designed to share funding opportunities, resources, and conferences or training events of common interest for program participants and supporters of the Initiative Foundation. For more information about these and other training opportunities, contact Linda Kaufmann, Sr. Program Manager for Children, Youth & Families at lkaufmann@ifound.org.

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