



AGENDA

Monday, July 20, 2009

Unless otherwise specified, all events will take place in the Student Union Ballroom

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
Participants who are taking the conference for college credit should meet with Dr. James Nowlin in the Bridger Room to review credit requirements before the 8:15 presentation.
- 8:15 a.m. **Scott Anderson** – Welcome
Executive Director Secondary Education – Billings Public Schools
- 8:30 a.m. **Susanna Graves - “School-Wide Bully Prevention”**
- A former Montana Teacher of the Year, Susanna was a classroom teacher for 7 years and a school counselor for 26 years at Monforton School in Gallatin County. During this time, she wrote numerous grants and directed and developed a number of programs including: The first school-based clinic in the state of Montana, summer school programs, an after school programs, an adult education program, The first rural Montana elementary/middle school school-based day treatment program, a talented & gifted program, a school emergency management plan with an effective parent communication component, a parent/family resource center, a school-based mentoring program , and a school-wide bully prevention program. Susanna has authored the book, Mentoring Made Easy and has presented at various workshops and conferences. She is a passionate advocate for children.
- 9:50 a.m. Short break with snacks

10:00 a.m. **Kee Dunning, MS, LCPC & Sue Stahley – “Bullies R-US”**

A child and family psychotherapist in private practice, Kee specializes in the care and treatment of troubled youth. Kee is amazing in her success with difficult-to-reach children. She is a therapist, a teacher, a clinical supervisor and an advocate for families. Kee never gives up on a child or a parent. Colleagues speak of her ability to validate and honor children and their families, to bring joy and quick-from-the-hip cheerfulness into any setting.

Sue is a Tumbleweed Counselor at West High and is an intern working on her clinical hours with Kee Dunning. She has her Master’s Degree from MSUB in School Counseling. Sue has experience teaching pre-school through high school and was a Facilitator at a family resource center for 8 years.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Susan Dotter - “Girl Wars”**

This is Susan Dotter’s 29th year in education. She has taught in grades 1, 2, and 6 at the elementary level and grades 6 through 8 at middle school. She has been a counselor at Helena Middle School for the past 15 years and also works for the Montana Office of Public Instruction as a MBI (Montana Behavioral Initiative) Consultant. Susan has presented at several national conferences and is a frequent speaker at the MBI Summer Institute.

2:45 p.m. Short afternoon break with snacks.

3:00 p.m. **Jeff N. Olsgaard, MA, MDiv, LCPC & Terry Smith, MSW, LCSW - “Perceiving and Responding to Adolescents at Risk”**

Jeff N Olsgaard, MA , MDiv, LCPC has a private practice primarily addressing depression, anxiety, trauma survival, and conflict. Starting as young as 3 ½ years of age he sees people throughout the life cycle using such tools as cognitive restructuring and EMDR. At the Billings Clinic he is a Psychiatric Assessment Clinician in the Emergency Department. He is the Mental Health Consultant to Young Families Early Head Start. As an Adjunct Professor he has taught at MSU-Billings as well as the School of Technology. He has been the Chair of the Montana Board of Psychologists as well as the Critical Incident Stress Management Network in Montana. He has led workshops across the state and in the greater Northwest region.

Terry Smith is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over 30 years of experience providing mental health services to youth and their families. He is currently employed at Billings Clinic in the Youth Partial Hospitalization Program (YPHP), providing family, group, and individual therapy, primarily for older adolescents. He serves on the Board of Directors for NAMI and is member of the Steering Committee for the Big Sky CISD team. He is a member of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. His approach to care and treatment of youth and their families include the use of Cognitive and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, the teaching of stress inoculation skills, and a generous helping of compassionate, mindful and gentle intervention.

4:00 p.m. **Dave Kenat - “Gangs in Our Community”**

Dave is a Deputy Sherriff for Yellowstone County. He attended Chungbuk National University in South Korea where he majored in Philosophy and taught there for three years. He received his BA in Philosophy & Religious Studies from Rocky Mountain College. In addition to being a Deputy Sherriff, Dave is the Regional Coordinator for NW Gang Investigation Association and the Information Liaison Officer for the Montana All-Threats Intelligence Center.

Special Evening Presentation:

7:00 p.m. Lewis & Clark Room

Kee Dunning - “Group Discussion with Kids and Adults about the Affects of Bullying and Being Bullied”

Kee will bring some of the kids and parents she is working with to participate in this open forum with frank discussion...please come prepared to share your stories and participate. We'll explore why bystanders are as guilty as people who bully openly...and how we are all responsible for the way we treat others.

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8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. **Dr. Karen Heikel - Introduction of Keynote speaker**
Dean, MSUB College of Professional Studies & Lifelong Learning

9:00 a.m. **John Halligan – Keynote Speaker – “Ryan’s Story”**

John and Kelly Halligan lost their thirteen year old son, Ryan, to suicide on October 7, 2003. At the time of his death, Ryan was a student at a middle school in Essex Junction, Vermont. It was revealed in much greater detail after Ryan’s death that he was ridiculed and humiliated by peers at school and on-line. In memory of his son, John spearheaded the Vermont Bully Prevention bill which was signed into law (ACT117) in May 2004 only a few months after Ryan’s death . He also successfully led the passage of the law pertaining to mandatory suicide prevention education in public schools (ACT 114) in April 2006. John has been outspoken about the need for more education and prevention of bullying, cyber bullying and teen suicide throughout the United States and Canada. His son’s story and his accomplishments in response to this tragedy have been told world-wide by print, radio and TV including: CBS Morning Show, CNN Anderson Cooper 360, Good Morning America, BBC World Radio, Primetime with Diane Sawyer “Cruel Intentions.”, PBS Frontline “Growing Up On-line”, and The Oprah Winfrey Show “Bullied to Death”.

10:30 a.m. Short Morning Break with snacks

10:45 a.m. **Senator Kim Gillan** – Introduction of MT Attorney General Steve Bullock
MSUB College of Professional Studies & Lifelong Learning

11:00 a.m. **Montana Attorney General Steve Bullock - “Safe in Your Space”**

Steve Bullock was sworn in as Montana's 20th Attorney General on January 5, 2009. As Attorney General, Bullock is the state's chief lawyer and law enforcement officer. He leads the Montana Department of Justice, which encompasses the Forensic Science Laboratory, the Montana Highway Patrol, the Motor Vehicle Division, Gambling Control, Legal Services and the Division of Criminal Investigation, as well as the department's information technology staff.

12:00 p.m. VIP Luncheon – **Guest Speaker Governor Brian Schweitzer**
Sponsored by the Yellowstone County Tavern Association.
All conference participants are invited to attend.

1:30 p.m. **Kristin Lundgren & Laura Harper - “Youth Risk Behavior Survey and Prevention Needs Assessment - What Kids are Telling Us”**

Kristin Lundgren received her M.Ed in Youth Development Leadership from the University of Minnesota in 1996, and a B.A. in History in 1989 from Carleton College in Minnesota. Kristin completed her elementary through high school education in Cameroon and Nigeria, West Africa. Kristin has worked with youth and on behalf of youth and families for twenty years. For the past eight years she has directed a local coalition, Roots of Promise. This coalition is currently housed at United Way of Yellowstone County, where she also leads youth impact work. Roots of Promise has multiple members from diverse sectors working on projects related to drug prevention, children of incarcerated parents, after school programs, and drop out prevention. Kristin is the mother of two middle school girls.

Laura Harper has an M.Ed, specializing in addiction counseling from North Dakota State University and her B.S.W. from Moorhead State University. She worked primarily as an addiction counselor for 15 years in North Dakota and Montana. For the past 9 years she has worked in substance abuse prevention. She currently manages the substance abuse prevention program of the South Central Montana Regional Mental Health Center. For extracurricular fun Laura teaches “Treatment Perspectives of Chemical Dependency” and “Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability for MSU-Billings,” and Belly Dancing for whoever wants! She has survived being the mother of two teenagers.

2:45 p.m. Afternoon break with snacks

3:00 p.m. **Dr. Cheryl Young - “Bullying & Special Needs Kids”**

Dr. Cheryl Young is a board certified associate behavior analyst and has been an assistant professor of special education at MSU-Billings since August 2008. She was previously an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in

the Teacher Education Department. Prior to earning her doctorate in 2005, Dr. Young worked for 22 years in Florida's public schools and institutions as a special educator, school-wide positive behavior support coach, and behavior specialist. She holds Montana Licensure as a school principal.

4:00 p.m. **Elizabeth Waddington - "Cyber-bullying: Where Did Your Words Go?"**

Elizabeth currently teaches Art at Castle Rock Middle School. She has been a librarian and Technology Integration Specialist in School District 2 and continues to remain active in technology issues through the TILT (Teachers Integrating and Learning Technology) staff development model. In addition to facilitating online courses for Montana State University's Library Endorsement Certification program, she has presented or given hands-on workshops at National Computers in Education Conferences, Montana Council for Computers in Education, Pacific Northwest Library Association, Montana Library Association and Montana Education Association as well as numerous in-service and parent information programs on topics related to internet safety and ethics. Elizabeth parented two teen boys through the emergence of on-line gaming and file sharing.

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Over the past three years the YCTA has partnered with MSUB to bring our community two conferences on METH, two conferences on AUTISM and now this SAFE SHOOOLS conference. They are a valued community partner and we appreciate their continued support in our effort to make Montana the best place for our kids to grow up.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact:

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Thank you for your participation in our Conference.