

Keynotes for Children Youth & Families June 2010



Workshops & Conferences

Funding for Your Organization

(a two session series all in one day!)

June 29th, 2010

Initiative Foundation, Little Falls

Session 1: Grant Research & Writing

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

This workshop is a valuable opportunity to hear professional writers and reviewers present techniques for researching funders and creating effective grant proposals. Topics will include:

- Researching Funders & Funding Opportunities
- Developing Grant Proposals
- Writing Effective Executive Summaries
- Determining Outcome Based Goals
- Developing Budgets
- Sustaining Programs
- Submitting Proposals

Session 2: Calculating True Program Costs

1:15 PM – 3:45 PM

This workshop will provide an overview of program budgeting and allocations. You will learn to identify direct and indirect expenses using real life examples, and then review different methods of allocating expenses to programs. An understanding of true program costs is essential for management decisions, program administration, effective development work, and compliance on your 990.

HOP/SCI grantees may attend this workshop at no cost. All others attending both sessions must pay \$13, which will include materials, lunch and a snack. Registration required. For more information or to register, simply download the [workshop flyer](#) or [registration form](#) or contact Tricia at 877-632-9255 or oworkshops@ifound.org.

We Agree: Creating a Parenting Plan - Webinar

June 10, 2010

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$15

Are you a parent going through a divorce? Are you interested in creating a plan for the care of your children? The "We Agree: Creating a Parenting Plan" booklet, created by the University of Minnesota Extension Service, can help you create a tool that helps both parents be involved in their children's lives. Design a guide to help you make better decisions about parenting issues. You will receive a take-home

copy of the "We Agree: Creating a Parenting Plan" booklet with your class attendance. To reserve your seat, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/701824850>

FREE Girls Self-Esteem Workshop

*June 15th (10am-noon or 6-m-8pm) or July 10th (2pm-4pm)
Elk River Police Department*

Get involved to make a change! Participate in a Dove Real Beauty Workshop. Every day, we are bombarded by hundreds - if not thousands - of airbrushed images of "beauty". These images have the power to affect how we see our bodies and our selves. How can we encourage young girls and women everywhere to embrace a more positive image of themselves, both inside and out? You can start by participating in this upcoming Dove Real Beauty Workshop for Girls.

The Dove Real Beauty Workshops for Girls are fun, educational and interactive sessions for young girls ages 8-12 and their adult female mentors: mothers, relatives, friends - anyone interested in starting a dialogue on beauty and self-image with a member of the next generation. (one girl/daughter per workshop)

By attending these workshops, you'll learn how society creates "ideal" images of beauty and how to engage young girls in a healthy dialogue about self-esteem.

You must register by calling 612-701-9689.

Evidence-Based Practice for Early Childhood Special Educators and Collaborative Partners

*June 17-18, 2010
St. John's University, Collegeville, MN*

The Minnesota Early Intervention Summer Institute is a unique professional development opportunity provided to the early childhood field through sponsorship by the Minnesota Department of Education. Gain new insights and develop new skills for your work with young children and families. Enjoy the traditional activities that Summer Institute participants have enjoyed through the years, including the lunchtime barbeque and the evening wine and dessert reception hosted by Minnesota DEC. You'll find the lusciously landscaped and serene campus of St. John's University provided the perfect setting for learning, reflection, and rejuvenation.

Registration for this event is full but if you'd like to learn more about the event or add yourself to the waitlist visit: <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/TrainingInstitutes/SummerInstitute/default.html>.

The University of Minnesota's Center for Early Education and Development Courses

Premature Babies and Their Parents: Information and Insights for Early Intervention Personnel

June 14 to August 16, 2010

Instructor: Jolene Pearson, M.S., IMH-E® (IV), Minneapolis Public Schools, Early Childhood Special Education

Prenatal Developmental Intervention: For Professionals Working with Families During Pregnancy

June 14 to August 16, 2010

Instructor: Joann O'Leary, Ph.D., MPH, MS

Bridging Education and Mental Health

June 14 to August 16, 2010

Instructor: Leah Hjelseth, MA, Doctoral candidate, Educational Psychology

For more information or to register, visit:

<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ceed/profdev/onlinecourses/default.html>. For questions, contact Karen Anderson, CEED Online Course Manager, at 612-625-6617 or ander352@umn.edu.

Youth Worker Conference

October 4-5, 2010

St. Cloud, MN

This year's Youth Worker Conference in St. Cloud is jointly sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies (MCCCA) and the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association (MNJDA). This is an opportunity to share your experience and expertise with over 200 staff working in a range of programs with mentally ill, behaviorally disordered and homeless youth. One presenter per workshop will receive a complimentary admission to the entire conference. Deadline for submitting proposals is June 4, 2010.

For more information, visit: <http://mccca.org/cde.cfm?event=304652>

Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute: Helping Children Thrive Through Mobilization and Deployment

October 6-7, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Radisson Suite Hotel, 404 West St. Germain, St. Cloud

The Military Child Education Coalition's™ Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute© is a professional development program for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. The curriculum, content, process and delivery are correlated with the National Staff Development Council's Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. Because the Institute is very interactive and participation is required to fully benefit from the training, participants must commit to attend both days.

Training is a two-day session (12 full seat hours required for institute credit – attendance both full days required – no partial attendance accepted). Registration deadline September 24, 2010. For more information or to register online at <http://www.militarychild.org/education/guard-and-reserve-institutes/>.

Resources for Children, Youth & Families

Summer Youth Employment Opportunity

The Stearns-Benton Employment & Training Council (SBETC) has a new youth program available this summer. Young people, ages 14 - 24, will be available for employment within local businesses and organizations. SBETC - with support from grants they are receiving - will cover their wages, fringe and workers comp.

SBETC is hoping to serve 100 young people in this program this summer. *Employers need to act quickly though because the employer survey/questionnaire is due this Friday, June 11th!*

Please pass this along to any of your contacts!

For more information [download the flyer](#) and/or [employer survey/questionnaire](#). Questions can be directed to Brian Asuma at 320.308.5378 or basuma@sbetc.org

Co-Parenting Website: Minnesota Fathers and Families Network and their Minnesota partner agencies have developed a great resource for parents and professionals interested in the topic of co-parenting. Learn about co-parenting for married, divorced, never-married and teen families. Find out how substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, or incarceration impacts the ability to parent together. Online here: www.WeCanParentTogether.org.

Effort to Provide Health Care to Families: The Minnesota Coalition for Healthy Kids has launched the website www.HealthyKidsMN.org to connect families with uninsured children to non-profits that can help them enroll into state-sponsored health care coverage. Organizers say the biggest challenge is getting the message out that even if you work, your kids may qualify for free or reduced-cost health coverage from the state.

CLIMB Theatre Update

It's that time of year again. Summer's almost here, and we at CLIMB are preparing for the fall. Already, we're filling up our September and October calendar with performances of our educational plays and classes. We're ready to find a date that works for you.

What's new?

- If you've yet to see our new plays on **bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment** for grades K-9, now's the time. As younger and younger kids gain access to technology, the cloak of anonymity provided by text messaging and social networks makes it easy for kids to forget the impact their words and actions can have on others. Start your year off with a reminder that compassionate behavior leads to a strong and healthy school community.
- Does your school serve **preschoolers**? You're in luck. For the first time in over a decade, CLIMB has created a series of delightful mini-dramas for preschoolers that address issues ranging from classroom conduct to letter and number recognition.
- Are you ready for a **long-term approach**? A single play or workshop is a powerful reminder for respectful behavior, but if you're ready to engage in programming that has the potential to transform your school climate, we're ready to work. CLIMB will partner with your school to create a peer leadership group who will continue to work within your school after CLIMB has left the building.
- What about **graduation standards**? For the first time in CLIMB's history, we will employ the tools we've used for character education to get your students thinking about history, reading, language, and possibly even math and science. Is there a section of your curriculum you'd like CLIMB's help with? Let us know, and we can work together.
- Working with Second Step, Character Counts, Olweus, or PBIS? Our plays and classes provide excellent support to these programs.

To learn more about CLIMB Theatre and their programs visit: www.climb.org.

General Resources:

- [Getting School Ready in Minnesota Brochure](#)
- [THRIVE Fact Sheet](#)

- [Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative \(MECI\) Fact Sheet](#)
 - Inside-Out Connections Caregiver Guide: "[How to Explain Jails and Prisons to Children](#)"
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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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