

NEBRASKA'S DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Announces its **2014 Colossal Conference**

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Harnessing systems and resources to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in living an enviable life

September 22-24, 2014

At the LaVista Conference Center, a suburb of Omaha, Nebraska

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Eustacia Cutler, "A Thorn in my Pocket: Raising Dr. Temple Grandin"

Other keynote speakers

Cathy Ficker-Terrill, MS and Frank Pastizzo, BS

Confirmed national presenters providing breakout sessions in five tracks:

BEHAVIORAL Track 1

- ▶ Dual Diagnosis from the Inside – **Melanie Hecker** and **Phyllis Hecker**
- ▶ The Behavior Support Team (BST) Model – **Dr. Shawn Bryant, PsyD; Jim Davis, Roger Geery, Karen Girch, Nancy Lamb, Wanda Miller, Jonathan Potter** and **Tessa Main Svoboda**
- ▶ Alternatives to Guardianship – **Calvin Luker, JD** and **Tricia Luker**
- ▶ Functional Behavioral Assessments and Behavior Support Plans: The Basics – **Dr. Michael Neise, PhD** and **Rick Mayfield**
- ▶ Get out the Shovel! Digging Deeper with Functional Behavioral Assessment – **Dr. Bill Reay, PhD**
- ▶ Behavioral Managed Care – **Speaker TBA**
- ▶ Supporting Persons Who Have Experienced Trauma – **Dr. Monique Marrow, PhD**
- ▶ What is Team Behavioral Consultation and What does it Have to do with Me? – **Dr. Bill Reay, PhD** and **Dr. Todd Stull, MD**
- ▶ Dementia and Intellectual Disability: Therapeutic Update for Behavioral Health Practitioners – **James Bennett, MA, Janet Misel, MEd** and **Dr. Steven Ruedrich, PhD**



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HABILITATION Track 2

- ▶ Supporting Individuals – **Derrick Dufresne, MBPA** and **Dr. Michael Mayer, PhD**
- ▶ Individual Outcomes and Plans (What is a Person-Centered Plan?) – **Cathy Ficker-Terrill, MS**
- ▶ Trends in Person-Centered Services – **Dr. Tom Pomeranz, EdD; Derrick Dufresne, MBPA; Dr. Michael Mayer, PhD; Calvin Luker, JD; and Tricia Luker**
- ▶ Alternatives to Guardianship – **Calvin Luker, JD** and **Tricia Luker**
- ▶ Assuring an Enhanced Quality of Life: The Role of Service Coordination in the Individualized Support and Futures Planning Process – **Dr. Tom Pomeranz, EdD**
- ▶ Supported Employment – **Kevin Schaefer, BA**
- ▶ Supported Decision-Making in Action – **Tina M. Campanella, MA**
- ▶ The NADSP Code of Ethics Encounter: The First Pillar of Direct Support – **John Raffaele, MSW**
- ▶ E-Learning Opportunities – **Lloya Fritz, BA** and **Mary O'Hare, MEd, MPA**
- ▶ "I Have no Stress! Addressing – Compassion Fatigue – **Ana Parra, BA** and **Mary Moser-Cooper, MA**
- ▶ Programming for Individuals who are Deaf and/or Blind – **Kris Cardot-Goodwin, BA** and **Layla Krzykowski, BA**
- ▶ Supporting Persons Who Have Experienced Trauma – **Dr. Monique Marrow, PhD**
- ▶ Successful Transitions from School to Work – **Dr. Daniel Baker, PhD**

HEALTH Track 3

- ▶ Introduction to Physical and Nutritional Management for Individuals, Families and Providers – **Jaime Bailey, MCD, CCC-SLP** and **Terri Lykins, RD, LMNT**
- ▶ Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of the Person with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – **Dr. Nabih Ramadan, MD**
- ▶ Great Expectations: Defining the Deliverables from our Primary Health Care Physician – **Dr. Carl Tyler, MD**
- ▶ Unmet Healthcare Needs: Lessons Learned – **Dr. Carl Tyler, MD**
- ▶ Straight Talk on Bent Thinking – **Dr. Steven Weisblatt, MD**
- ▶ Dementia and Intellectual Disability: Therapeutic Update for Clinicians – **James Bennett, MA, Janet Misel, MEd** and **Dr. Steven Ruedrich, PhD**
- ▶ Understanding and Responding to Role of Mental Health Diagnoses in Challenging Behavior – **Melissa Cheplic, MP, CHES** and **Dr. Theodosia Paclawskyj, PhD**
- ▶ How Health Care Reform Affects Individuals with I/DD – **Speaker TBA**



Watch the Nebraska Division of Developmental Disabilities website for registration information in April, 2014.

LEADERSHIP Track 4

- ▶ Creating a Culture of Respect – **Cathy Ficker-Terrill, MS**
- ▶ Trends in Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services – **Robin Cooper, MSW**
- ▶ Successful Systems Transformation – **Jodi Fenner, JD** and **Panel of State Directors**
- ▶ Facility Free AND Habilitative – **Derrick Dufresne, MBPA; Dr. Michael Mayer, PhD** and **Dr. Tom Pomeranz, EdD**
- ▶ Survey Ready! Any Day of the Week – **Mark Wiesel, BSE**
- ▶ Supervisory Skills and Techniques – **Susan Koenig, JD**
- ▶ Investigation Skills Matter: Protecting People from Harm – **Labor Relations Alternatives, Inc.**
- ▶ Just in Time: Best Practice Strategies for Maximizing Staff Performance – **Dr. Tom Pomeranz, EdD**
- ▶ Bridges: From There to Here – **Jodi Fenner, JD; Dr. Shawn Bryant, PsyD; Dr. Michelle Zangger, PsyD** and **Deb Johnsen**
- ▶ Supporting Staff and Families through Systems Transformation – **Bill Tapp, MA**
- ▶ We need S'MORE Staff Like That! – **Scott Osterfield**
- ▶ "I Have no Stress! Addressing Compassion Fatigue – **Ana Parra, BA** and **Mary Moser-Cooper, MA**

**Breakout Sessions
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**Session titles are subject to change.*