The Communities Collaborative Committee would like to invite you to attend Minnesota’s largest Brain Development Conference. This year’s conference will bring participants the latest information on issues that affect children and their developing brains. Our presenters are experts in their fields and will provide insight and take-home strategies for working with children. Topics will include: strategies for working with children with serious emotional and behavioral concerns, building children’s self-esteem, frameworks for respectful discipline, family issues, early childhood, family violence, depression, neurotoxins, the power of play, oral health, learning and development, reconnecting to the natural world, sensory integration, cognitive instruction, FASD, reflective parenting/supervision, and motivational and inspirational messages.

Best practices, research, and environments all relate to children’s developing brains and this Conference is renowned for combining cutting-edge research with practical information to apply in the home, office or classroom. The brain conference provides powerful information for parents, foster parents, child care providers, Head Start staff, elementary and secondary teachers, social workers, law enforcement and therapists.

The Communities Collaborative Conference is also known for its unique conference amenities, great food and relaxing environment. The diversity of conference participants allows for an excellent opportunity to make connections and network with others in your field. In hopes of getting the message out that every child matters, we hope to see you at this year’s conference.

D.J. Vanas has used his dynamic programs to build warriors in 48 states and internationally to over 1,700 audiences at organizations such as IBM, NASA and hundreds of tribal communities, governments and schools – and he’s ready to deliver his high-energy message to you! A motivated entrepreneur, author and professional speaker, D.J. uses traditional warrior concepts and colorful wisdom found in Native American culture to inspire others to achieve their best. D.J.’s celebrated book The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement was first self-published in January 2002. Mr. Vanas will speak on “The Power of Vision.”

Olga Trujillo, JD is an attorney with 12 years of experience working in the United States Department of Justice. She most recently was the Director of the Special Projects Division of the Office for Victims of Crime. Ms. Trujillo was also the General Counsel of the Office of Justice Programs. In that position, she led the agency implementation of the Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1994, including the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act. She has brought and continues to bring her personal experience of growing up in a home filled with violence and sexual abuse to her work. Ms. Trujillo is now a consultant currently working with the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges on issues of violence against women and children. Her presentation will be “A Survivor’s Story.”

Charlie Appelstein, MSW is a nationally prominent youth care specialist and author whose primary focus is on working with children and youth with serious emotional and behavioral problems. President of Appelstein Training Resources, LLC, Mr. Appelstein trains and consults all over the United States as well as internationally, with treatment facilities, foster care programs, parent groups, schools, and detention centers. Passionate, humorous, and informative, Charlie is a highly sought-after speaker and the author of three popular youth care books including The Gus Chronicles: Reflections from an Abused Kid and No Such Thing as a Bad Kid: Understanding and Responding to the Challenging Behavior of Troubled Children and Youth. Mr. Appelstein’s keynote is titled, “The Glass Ain’t Half Full, Heck it’s Overflowing.”

Ada Alden, Ed.D, CFLE has coordinated Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs in suburban Minneapolis since 1974. She is currently Director of Family Educational Services for the Eden Prairie School District and is an adjunct professor at both the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State University. She holds a master’s degree in adult education with a minor in psychology. She is also a Certified Behavior Analyst. She earned her Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota Educational Leadership. Her doctoral research focused on parent-teacher conferences. She is a past President of the Minnesota Council on Family Relations. Ms. Alden will present information from her book Parenting on Purpose; Red Yellow Green Framework for Respectful Discipline.

Dr. Louis M. Rossetti is Professor Emeritus of Communicative Disorders at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He is an internationally recognized authority on services to infants, toddlers, and their families; and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences throughout the world. He is the author of five books on infants and toddlers with special needs. He is the author of the Rossetti Infant-Toddler Language Scale, the most widely used communication assessment scale for children under three years of age in the world. He is the founding editor of Infant Toddler Intervention: The Transdisciplinary Journal, and has been named a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dr. Rossetti will present his work on family issues and early childhood.

***Please Register Early. Limited Space Available!***
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference registration is $75 per Day OR $140 for Both Days

Registration Deadline is July 27, 2007

No Late Registration Accepted - No Exceptions!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED


Payment or purchase order must accompany registration form. A registration form must be completed for each person attending. Faxed Registrations without P.O. will not be accepted.

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LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

There is a limited amount of scholarship funding available for parents/guardians and child care providers (unless otherwise stated by funding agency). To see if you are eligible for a scholarship, you MUST CALL KATIE OLSON AT (218) 983-3285, ext 1201.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Shooting Star Casino Hotel & Stardust Suites for August 7th, 8th, & 9th. When registering, please request your preference. If you need a hotel room for the night before the conference (August 7th) please specify when booking your hotel room. Hotel costs are at the participant’s expense. The cost is $58.58 (tax included) per night. Check-in is at 3:00 pm and check-out is at 11:00 am. You must call the Hotel directly to make your hotel arrangements, their number is (218) 935-2711 or 1-800-453-STAR

CONFERENCE MEALS

Meals are provided for Conference Participants only. Please specify if you are requesting additional meals for non-participants. Additional meals will be $25.00 per person and must be paid in advance.

CONFERENCE AMENITIES

Conference Tote-bags
Credits/C.E.U.’s
Stress Relief Area
Conference Clothes and Mugs
Books for Sale
Vendors
Door Prizes

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CONFERENCE NAME BADGES

Name Badges will be issued at Registration Area and must be worn to get into Conference Sessions and during meals.

CHILDREN

As much as this conference is about children, and everyone loves children, we ask that participants do not bring children into conference sessions.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday night from 5:30-8:30 pm there will be Entertainment and hors d’oeuvres. Participants are welcome for a night of fun and relaxation...

ESTIMATED DRIVING TIMES

Fargo: 70 min.  St. Cloud: 3 hrs.
Thief River Falls : 70 min.  Minneapolis: 4 1/2 hrs
Detroit Lakes: 40 min.  Fergus Falls: 1 1/2 hrs

LOCATION - Shooting Star Casino Hotel & Event Center, Mahnomen, MN

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**A “Neurotoxins: Their Effects on Development, Learning and Behavior”**

**Jenni Loynd**

This session will review those neurotoxins that can damage or impede a child's brain development, especially lead, mercury, pesticides, tobacco smoke, and prenatal alcohol exposure. It will describe the developmental problems, learning difficulties and behavioral issues that may result and contribute to secondary problems of mental illness, school failure, juvenile detention and homelessness.

**B “Just Leave Me Alone, How Depression can Impact Youth”**

**Tracy Clark**

This session will address the signs of depression and difficulties of identifying it in youth, the impact of youth depression on other systems in the child's life, the potential impact of care providers depression on youth, and strategies for identifying and intervening with depression.

**C “Learning Through Play: Parents, Teachers, and Children”**

**Dr. Layna Cole**

Play is a powerful medium for learning, not only for children, but for adults' learning about children. This presentation will briefly address what and how children learn through observing their play.

**D “Reconnecting to the Natural World: An Antidote to Television”**

**Dr. M. Carlson & Dr. K. Sonsteng**

This session will provide participants with information and research that substantiates the importance of relating to the natural world. Creative ways to encourage young children to discover nature will be given through stories, books and hands-on activities. Participants will be provided with ideas, resources, and a new outlook on the importance the natural world plays in child development.

**E “Reflective-Based Relationships”**

**Dr. L. Rossetti**

No session description at time of print.

**F “Oral Health, a Critical Component of Learning and Development”**

**Dr. Amos Deinard & Suzanne Tessier**

This session will look at the critical public health concern of oral health. You will learn how poor oral health affects newborn babies and young children.

**Session II**

**A “Neurotoxins: Their Effects on Development, Learning and Behavior”**

**Jenni Loynd**

Repeat from Session II

**B “Vocabulary Instruction in the Middle School/Secondary Content Areas”**

**Becky Williams**

This session will emphasize the vocabulary strategies that have been implemented with middle and high school students (may be modified for younger age groups).

**C “Behavioral and Sensory Interventions for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders”**

**Julie Huewe & Vicki Reimer**

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**Ada Alden**

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**F “How Do You Recognize Symptoms of Suicide in Children? What to Do”**

**Tracy Clark**

No session description at time of print.

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**Session IV**

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Session V
Olga Trujillo
“A Survivor’s Story”

Session VI

A “Use the Force, Luke!” Managing Number One and Staying Motivated to Do the Work
Charlie Appelstein

This presentation examines the major triggers and provides strategies for self-management that keep enthusiasm alive. Focal points include: how to stop taking things personally, the pivotal role of support, and a new definition for success in working with at-risk populations.

B “Understanding Dissociative Identity Disorder: An Inside Out Perspective”
Olga Trujillo

In this session the presenter will reveal the connections, the coping skills, including dissociation, which she learned early in life and how these coping mechanisms have significantly impacted her. Olga’s presentation helps multidisciplinary audiences understand the implications of dissociation and dissociative disorders in their efforts to work with children and families.

C “Learning Through Play: Parents, Teachers, and Children”
Dr. Layna Cole

Repeat from Session II

D “FASD: A New Model for Achieving Consistent and Creative Interventions That Work”
Michael Harris

This session will answer some questions if you are stumped and discouraged about FASD. Those working with FASD have no workbooks, checklists, or logical models for understanding or treating this elusive disorder. The FASD Wheel Model begins changing that. It visually catalogs strength and weaknesses in each of the ten brain domains of FASD functioning.

Session VII
Charlie Appelstein
“The Glass Ain’t Half Full, Heck it’s Overflowing”

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, August 7th, 2007
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration

Wednesday, August 8th, 2007
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Session I - Keynote
   DJ Vanas
   “The Power of Vision”
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Session II
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Box Lunch (provided)
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Session III
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Session IV - Keynote
   Dr. Louis Rossetti
   “Family Issues and Early Childhood”
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Session V - Keynote
   Olga Trujillo
   “A Survivor’s Story”
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Break - Hotel Check-out
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Session VI
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Box Lunch (provided)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session VII - Keynote
   Charlie Appelstein
   “The Glass Ain’t Half Full, Heck it’s Overflowing”

Book Signing and Sales throughout the Conference!
Comic magician Tim Gabrielson has one goal in mind when he steps on stage: “Keep It Funny!”

Tim’s quick wit and baffling magic, combined with wholesome comedy and hilarious audience interaction, will leave everyone with an unforgettable laugh-filled experience. Whether he’s on stage in Las Vegas or entertaining nationwide at state fairs, colleges, and corporate events, Tim has an amazing ability to captivate and hold any audience throughout his entire show. With a successful laugh-packed schedule of over 200 shows each year, Tim Gabrielson is an experience you won’t want to miss.

C. Willi Myles takes everyday life challenges and applies humor to them. He has opened for many of the top musical and comedy acts throughout the country and performs regularly on cruise ships, at casinos, and in concert with some of the biggest names in entertainment. Willi is always a big hit on the college and corporate scene, too.

With extremely funny non-offensive stories and jokes, Willi makes everybody laugh. What happens when you take a guy from Alabama and you move him up to Minnesota and let him experience his first winter, including ice fishing? One thing that happens for sure is a lot of laughs and a unique look at living in the Midwest. For comedy truly at its best, check out the comedy of C. Willi Myles.
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Plan On Attending: 
Day 1: (August 8): ____________________
Day 2: (August 9): ____________________

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Meal Count: 
Day 1: Lunch _______ Evening Meal & Entertainment ________
Day 2: Closing Luncheon ________

Do you have special dietary needs? ____________________

A Continental Breakfast will be provided for Days 1 & 2

Session Preferences: Please circle one breakout per session that you will be attending. This will not be binding. However, it will give us an idea how to set up each session room.

(See pages 3 & 4 for session descriptions)

Session I
Keynote / General Assembly
Session II A B C D E F
Session III A B C D E F
Session IV Keynote / General Assembly
Session V Keynote / General Assembly
Session VI A B C D E F
Session VII Keynote / General Assembly

One College Credit is available through Minnesota State Community and Technical College, and Minnesota State University, Moorhead $145 for Undergraduate and $175 for Graduate, $10 for CEU. There are 10.5 clock hours available for the entire conference for participants who want to use the conference training certificate for continuing education.

PAYMENT FOR CREDITS MUST BE MADE TO THE COLLEGE AT THE CONFERENCE. THE COLLEGES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE CONFERENCE.

Please indicate which type of educational credit for which you will apply: (Please fill this out if you want education credits)

1 credit Minnesota State Community & Tech. 1 credit Minnesota State University-Mrhd 10.5 Training 10.5 CEU WETCC

Clock Hours

Do not send payment for credits or CEU's at this time, there will be booths set-up at the conference during registration

Conference Cost:
Fax (218) 983-4106 (Faxed registrations must be accompanied by purchase orders. Mailed registration: payment must accompany registration form)

Per person: $75 per day OR $140 for both days

No walk-in registrations accepted

Limited Registration – No Late Registrations Accepted!
Registration Deadline July 27th

Make checks payable to: Communities Collaboration Conference
ATTN: Barb Fabre
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591

Total enclosed: $ ________________

Note: Scholarships are issued on a first come-first served basis with priority for parents/guardians & child care providers unless otherwise stated by agency providing scholarship funding. Prior approval is needed from Katie Olson, for scholarships. If you were not pre-approved for a scholarship by Katie Olson, you must send in payment with your registration form.

Were you pre-approved for a scholarship? YES NO

Verified KO________

Included in your registration packet: Tote-bag, conference material, meal tickets, and door prize ticket. Note: A variety of vendors and local artists will be on hand for you to purchase items for your home, classroom or child care setting. Child care is available by calling Mahnomen Child Care Learning Center at (218) 935-0314 prior to 7-8-07

If more than one person from your agency is attending, please feel free to photocopy this registration form. Each participant must complete a registration form. Please complete the form thoroughly. If it is not filled out completely, your registration will be delayed.

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