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October 2-4, 2017 Ramkota—Pierre, SD

Building Bridges on a Solid Foundation

FEATURED PRESENTERS



Donna M. Beegle, Ed.D. is an authentic voice who speaks, writes and trains across the nation to break the iron cage of poverty. Donna is the author of *See Poverty, Be The Difference* and *An Action Approach to Educating Students in Poverty*. Donna brings unique insights from having grown up in the deepest poverty in America and of studying and speaking on poverty for over 26 years. Donna's inspiring story and work have been featured in newspapers around the nation, on local TV and on National programs such as PBS.



Linda Hedenblad, MSE, CRC has spent her adult life working directly and indirectly in service of people with disabilities. Her job titles have included: Therapist, Outreach Specialist, Case Manager, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Teacher, Program Manager and Consultant. For the past 16 years, she has been teaching and developing a variety of continuing education courses for Vocational Rehabilitation professionals. Linda has gained a national reputation for presenting topical issues while infusing humor and vitality into her training style. While researching training materials in 2010, Linda encountered Motivational Interviewing (MI) and it has since become a passion. Linda has used MI in her work and has adopted the Spirit of MI into her personal life as well.



Dr. Gregory Lester, Ph.D. is a psychologist who has been in practice for over 35 years. He is licensed in Colorado and Texas, has served on the graduate faculty of The University of St. Thomas, and is currently on the continuing education faculty of Cross Country Education. Dr. Lester is the author of eight books, and his research and articles have appeared in numerous professional journals. Dr. Lester specializes in difficult conditions such as Personality Disorders, addictions, and adolescence. In his specialty of Personality Disorders, Dr. Lester has trained more human service professionals than any other individual, with over 150,000 professionals in more than 132 cities in three countries attending his trainings. Dr. Lester is the author of the largest-selling front-line manual clinical on Personality Disorders and was a participant in the research for the revision of the Personality Disorders section of DSM-5. Dr. Lester's practical front-line clinical principles combined with his engaging presenting style make him a highly sought-after speaker and trainer.



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Other Presenters

Dr. Thom Flamboe has worked with



children, parents, and families since 1970 in a variety of roles. He has received several awards for his work including the

“Outstanding Alumni of the Year” from Eastern Michigan University and “The Best Storyteller in the Dakotas” at the Dakota Storytelling Festival. His book *Can You Fix Him? Adventures in Child Therapy* has been published. Dr. Thom has degrees from Eastern Michigan University, the University of Wyoming, Northern State University, and the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Monday Oct 2, 9am

CESP™ Exam

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Booth Information

The conference is providing space for booths. If your organization is interested in having a booth, the application form can be found on www.SDRehabACTion.org or contact Kim Hoberg at: 605.626.2398 or at Kimberly.Hoberg@state.sd.us

Russell Sickles is a Senior Consultant with Griffin-Hammis Associates based in West Virginia. Russell is well versed in Supported Employment and Customized Employment. He introduced Customized Employment strategies into the West Virginia DD and VR systems. Russell has almost 20 years experience in direct services within Supported Employment, Customized Employment, and Supported Living contexts. During 10 years of these years he acted concurrently as a program director.



Dr. Jodi Owen is a licensed psychologist, who was the Clinical Director of Capital Area Counseling Services in Pierre, SD, a Community Mental Health and Addictions Treatment Center for 13 yrs. She now is operating a part-time private practice doing consulting and public speaking. She specializes in trauma treatment, and is a Behavioral Health Officer in the South Dakota National Guard, and a Major in the 730th Area Support Medical Company.



Dr. Wendy Parent-Johnson, Ph.D. is Professor,



Department of Pediatrics, and Executive Director, Center for Disabilities, at the Sanford Medical School, University of South Dakota. She has more than twenty-five years experience in the areas of supported and customized employment and transition from school to work for individuals with severe disabilities. Dr. Parent-Johnson has provided technical assistance related to Employment First policy and practice. Dr. Parent-Johnson serves on the national Boards of the National Rehabilitation Association and APSE: The Association of People Supporting Employment First.