

Fourth Annual Summer Education Conference

July 20-22, 2011, Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, SD Graduate Credit and CEU Available!

Wednesday, July 20, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30pm

Michael Dorn This session emphasizes the importance of implementing a research based bullying prevention program supplemented by efforts to create a warm, disciplined and caring environment where students and staff are truly connected.

Topics to be covered will include:

- The powerful concept of pattern recognition to identify bullies, their victims and bullying behaviors
- Specific indicators of bullying
- The impact of bullying on academic achievement
- Simple yet powerful concepts to improve student supervision and reduce the opportunity for bullying
- How to handle bullying situations
- Space management as a bullying reduction tool
- Positive territoriality and it's relationship to bullying and school climate
- Creating natural surveillance to reduce the opportunity for bullying

Wednesday, July 20, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday July 21, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Top 20 Training - Rest assured that when you attend a Top 20 Training seminar, you're not going to find yourself staring at the ceiling or watching the clock. Our presentation team is a high-energy group dedicated to helping schools like yours reach its full potential.

Top 10 Seminar Benefits:

1. Eliminating negative mental habits (apathy, boredom, procrastination)
2. Learning to live above the line
3. Learning from mistakes
4. Developing star qualities
5. Discovering hidden relevancy
6. Breaking out of the comfort zone
7. Resolving conflicts effectively
8. Mastering the art of bettering yourself
9. Identifying and overcoming self destructive beliefs
10. Taking responsibility for and discovering your true self

Friday, July 22, 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

Keynote: From Stumbling Blocks to Stepping Stones

Session 1: How to Reach the Hard to Teach Session 2: Positive School Culture

Shari Rusch Furnstahl - www.sharirusch.com By the time Shari was in first grade, thick medical and academic files described her limitations and "disabilities." Assessments had confirmed the worst about her future. Experiencing severe vision, hearing, learning and physical challenges, it was believed Shari would never reach beyond the fifth grade level as an adult. Her parents were told to put her in an institution. Thankfully, that isn't where her story would end. Teachers, peers and family members willing to offer assistance and encouragement, gave hope and new direction every time she reached a dead end. With the support of those around her and a steely determination, Shari was able to succeed far beyond those early assessments. From a clumsy child with a speech impediment... from a student few believed could learn... to becoming a special education teacher, Shari's story celebrates the triumph of the human spirit confirming that one person can make a difference.

Registration fee: \$80.00

A registration form is also available at <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped.asp>. Email any questions to rebecca.cain@state.sd.us Breakfast will be served Wed-Fri and lunch will be served Wed and Thur

"In sixth grade, I stopped

believing in myself. I

thought I was stupid. I was

just falling deeper and

deeper and my academics

were just going downhill.

*Once **TOP 20** came into my*

life, I realized I am good

enough."

- Gunnar, Student



Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms has been set aside until June 20, 2011 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 920 West Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD. Phone 605-224-6877. Registrants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Please contact the Ramkota directly to make your reservation. Identify yourself as a registrant of the "Department of Education" Conference.

Note to Parents of Children with Disabilities

The South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) will provide financial assistance for the registration fee to parents of children with developmental disabilities. The DD Council can also provide you with a travel expense stipend form. Contact the DD Council at 1-800-265-9684.

Vendor Displays

Both non-profit and for-profit organizations have been invited to share their displays. Vendor displays will be open during the conference on Wednesday.

Registration

(Complete and return this page with registration payment)

Registration Cost:

\$80.00 Special Educators

\$50.00 Parents of children with disabilities

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

If you have a disability and need any accommodations in order to attend this conference, please indicate them here or contact Rebecca Cain at rebecca.cain@state.sd.us or 280-3568

Registration fees must be paid at time of registration. Sorry, no purchase orders allowed. Mail completed registration form and a check made payable to "BHSSC" for the registration fee by July 1, 2011 to:

BHSSC

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For more information, contact Rebecca Cain at 280-3568 or rebecca.cain@state.sd.us

**Breakfast will be served Wednesday-Friday. Lunch will be served Wednesday and Thursday*

*Casual dress is appropriate for all conference functions. Jackets and sweaters are suggested for comfort in the meeting rooms.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this training is being held in a physically accessible place. Handicapped parking is also available. Please notify the Department of Education, Office of Educational Services & Support within two weeks of the training if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. Call about requests for alternative formats and/or interpreters: Disk, Braille, Large Print, Interpreter, or Other (please specify). Also note if you need any special medical or dietary needs, contact Merle Doolittle at 605-773-3678.