

2021

Multi-tiered System of Supports Summer Education Conference

June 29 & 30, Ramkota, Sioux Falls, SD



Mike Veny

Mike's path to becoming a public speaker became evident at an early age. He convinced the staff at psychiatric hospitals to discharge him three times during his childhood. In addition to being hospitalized as a child, he was expelled from three schools, attempted suicide, and was medicated in efforts to reduce his emotional instability and behavioral outbursts.

By the fifth grade, Mike was put in a special education class. Aside from getting more individualized attention from the teacher, he learned that pencil erasers make great sounds when tapped on a desk. He had no idea that drumming would become his career or his path to recovery.

As an adult, Mike spent many years facilitating drum workshops for children with special needs, teaching them to channel their energy by banging a drum and at the same time learning how to listen, focus, work together and succeed through teamwork. The project was such a hit that he continued to expand his drumming program, first to adults in recovery and eventually into the corporate setting.

As a 2017 PM360 ELITE Award Winner, he is recognized as one of the 100 most influential people in the healthcare industry for his work as a patient advocate.

He has presented for audiences in the corporate world, healthcare systems, K-12 education, professional development for teachers, colleges and universities.



David Kilpatrick

David A. Kilpatrick, PhD is a professor of psychology for the State University of New York College at Cortland. He is a New York State certified school psychologist with 28 years experience in schools. He has been teaching courses in learning disabilities and educational psychology since 1994. David is a reading researcher and the author of two books on reading, *Essentials of Assessing, Preventing, and Overcoming Reading Difficulties*, and *Equipped for Reading Success*, and is a co-editor of a third, *Reading Development and Difficulties: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice*.

Registration costs: \$80/person for non MTSS districts, \$60/person for MTSS districts
Open to all districts. General education & special education both encouraged to attend.
Registration information coming soon.

For more information contact Becky Cain at Rebecca.Cain@state.sd.us or (605) 280-3568. Graduate credit and CEUs available.

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