

Schedule of Events

10:00-11:30

Keynote with Dr. Anne Gearity
Rural Child Welfare, Grief & Loss

11:30-12:30

Lunch (on your own)

12-30-1:30

Audrey Thayer, MSW
Greater MN Racial Justice Project

1:30-1:45 Break

1:45-2:45

Dr. Priscilla Day
Ethics, Cultural Implications for Practice

2:45-3:45 Social Work Panel

Panel of rural and tribal social workers & supervisors who will discuss specific ethical issues related to their social work practice.



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Making a Difference: Unique Challenges for Tribal and Rural Child Welfare Practice



When:

Friday, October 27, 2006

Time:

10:00am-4:00pm

Where:

Itasca Community College
1851 E. Hwy 169
Grand Rapids, MN

Keynote Speaker

Anne Gearity, Ph.D, MSW, LICSW



Dr. Gearity is a clinical social worker in independent practice, as well as a consultant to community programs and adjunct faculty at the U of M School of Social Work. Her area of expertise is in child and adolescent development, with a particular interest in very young children. She is currently part of a research/evaluation team at Washburn Child Guidance Center in Minneapolis, where she is working on developing a treatment intervention for young children at serious risk, due to trauma and attachment disruption. Anne's work started with her Ph. D. dissertation, and is now funded by a grant from the Bush Foundation.

Additional Speakers/Topics

Audrey Thayer, MSW -*Coordinator of the Greater MN Racial Justice Project, a social justice initiative of the ACLU based in Bemidji, MN.* Ms. Thayer will be discussing the work of the MN Racial Justice Project specifically as it relates to working with rural and tribal families.

Priscilla Day, Ed.D, MSW -*Professor in The Dept. of Social Work at UMD and enrolled member of Leech Lake Reservation* Dr. Day will be presenting on ethical issues in tribal and rural child welfare practice.

Rural & Tribal Social Work Panel:

Janet A. Eichholz, MSW-St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services, Children and Family Services, Supervisor, Initial Intervention Unit

Joan Helms, MSW-Child Protection Supervisor, Cass County

Penny King, MSW-works for and is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Carol DeVerney-Fond du Lac Band member and FDL-ICW Lead Social Worker

Registration/Information

This conference is provided at no cost to child welfare practitioners from county and tribal human service agencies, as well as UMD and BSU students affiliated with their respective social work programs.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Lunch is on your own and may be purchased on campus at ICC.

To pre-register, please contact [Rita Ohman](mailto:rohman@d.umn.edu) at rohman@d.umn.edu or call 888-534-9734 or 218-726-7245

Also, note that this workshop does meet the MN Board of Social Work Licensure ethics requirement.



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