



Children Come First Conference

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Wisconsin
Family Ties

Children Come First Conference Monday, November 6, 2023 – Keynotes and Workshop Sessions

Keynote 8:45am - 10:15am

The Firekeeper's Daughter

Speaker: Angeline Boulley

Session A: 10:30 am – 11:45 am

1. Emotional Intelligence Made Practical and Simple

Speaker: Bill Stierle

2. Supporting Parents Wholistically

Speaker: Holly Stoner

3. Title TBA

Speaker: Patti Becker, MS and Julie Burish

4. Can You See Me Now?

Speaker: Dr KayLa N. Allen

5. Igniting the Power of Storytelling - Because Your Story Matters!

Speakers: Ronna Tablonski, Anthony Alvarado, and Nadine Machkovech

6. The Magic of the Woot Woot Wagon: Building Staff Morale to Create a Strength Based Environment

Speakers: Tracey Chugg and Katlyn Graebner

7. Self-Compassion and Supportive Relationships

Speaker: Jamie Lynn Tatera

8. Title TBA

Eddie from Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA)

Session B: 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Title TBA

Speaker: Jeremy Bryan

2. Empowered Parents: Creating Strong Resilience and Growth for Children with Mental Health Challenges

Speaker: Jennifer Bluske

3. Your Voice Matters - Becoming a Family Leader

Speaker: Danielle Tolzmann

4. True Love Lost Forever - A Mother's Journey

Speaker: Kerrie Wallenfang-Hirte

5. Building a Resilient Home

Speaker: Jennifer Schultz

6. Mental Health Screening Model in School-Aged Youth

Speaker: Amy D'Addario and Jen Parsons

7. FCT & YJ: Let's Keep the Kids at Home

Speaker: Tiffany Long

8. Building Partnerships with Foster and Adoptive Parents as a Key to Healing Children

Speaker: Jane Mose

9. Neurodiversity and Autistic Intelligence

Speaker: Doug Maynard

Session C: 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

1. Transitioning from Teen to Independence

Speakers: Dr Robyn F. Hardt Schultz PH.D and Sarah Kuehn

2. Youth Justice and Mindfulness Intersect in Manitowoc County

Speakers: Stacy Ledvina and Jessica Dirkman

3. How to Help Everyone Feel Welcome

Speaker: Jesse Benash

4. Autism: Beyond the Male Phenotype

Speaker: Dr Glenis Benson

5. Don't Make Waves: Navigating Child/Parent Boundaries

Speakers: Heather Hawes and Patricia Teixeira

6. Parent/Therapy Partnership and the Power of Time

Speaker: Deb Erdman

7. The Five Heart Focus

Speaker: Jackie Mayer

Session D - 3:45pm - 5:00 pm

1. Uncovering The Voice

Speakers: Christy Smith and Tamara Hill Duff

2. Strengthening Connections

Speakers: Amber McKelvey and Hilary Sahr

3. The Art of Relationships

Speakers: Conner Tiggerus and Barb Ann

4. Movement: The Foundation to Academic Success

Speaker: Shauna Wallace

5. Effective Strategies for Working with Escalated Children

Speaker: Eric Becker

6. Culturally-Sensitive Approaches to Working on Attachment with Children, Families, and Adults

Speaker: Daniela Guerrero

7. Breathwork for Anxious Kids

Speaker: Stephanie Essar

- 8. Getting to Know Your Child and Student: Holistic Strategies for Starting Conversation**
Speakers: Kimberly Scott Dorsey, Darrell Terrell, and Dr. Carol Hetzel

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023 –
Keynotes and Workshop Sessions**

Keynote 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m

Speaker: Pat Miles

Session E: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- 1. Bringing You to Life**
Speaker: Tim Markle
- 2. Learn How to Navigate Special Education for Students with Behavior Challenges**
Speakers: Amy Polsin and Phyllis Greenberger
- 3. Parent Panel**
Speakers: Nicole Kirkpatrick and Elisabet Mata-Perez
- 4. LGBTQ+ Best Practices for Adolescents in Behavioral Health Care**
Speaker: Amanda Anderson
- 5. Unperfect Your Parenting: A Home Where Everybody Listens, Communicates and Cooperates**
Speaker: Christine Bright
- 6. Reducing "Hot Spots" in Children Who Have Experienced Trauma**
Speaker: Sara Dione
- 7. Recognizing, Understanding & Treating the Authoritarian Family**
Patricia Teixeira
- 8. Title TBA**

Speaker: Connie Persike

Keynote 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr Ron Watson

Session F: 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

1. Navigating Barriers to mental health services

Speakers: Adam Nowak and Joshua Schroeder

2. Motivating Change through the Power of Connection

Speaker: Tracey Chugg

3. Think Differently! To Appreciate What Works

Speaker: Jennifer Townsend

4. Turn That Down! Heavy Metal and Autism

Speakers: Tim and Hunter Markle

5. Reptiles and Therapy

Speaker: Bill Stewart

6. Planning Ahead Brings Peace of Mind (Highlight Supported Decision Making)

Speaker: Howard Mulloy

7. Title TBA

Speaker: Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel

8. Living with Rubies

Speaker: Deborah Jean Smith

9. LGBTQ+ Best Practices for Adolescents in Behavioral Health Care

Speaker: Amanda Anderson