**Minnesota Child Welfare Conference**

***Advancing Excellence in Child Welfare***

**Wednesday November 1st** – 1:00-4:00pm, Networking Reception 4:30-5:30pm

**Thursday, November 2nd** – 8:30-4:30pm, Indigenous cultures immersion and dinner (hosted by Eastside Economic Development Center and Indigenous Artist Collective)

**Friday, November 3rd** – Morning (8:30-12pm)

**Location**: Intercontinental St. Paul Riverfront, 11 E Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul MN

**Conference Agenda November 1-3**

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| **Wednesday Nov. 1** | | |
| **11:00-4:00 p.m.** | **Check in & Registration** |  |
| **1:00-1:30 p.m.** | **Welcome** | Tracy Crudo, Child Welfare Training System Manager, Child Safety and Permanency (CSP)  Charles Dixon, Children’s Trust Fund Consultant, CSP |
| **1:30-4:00 p.m.** | **Afternoon seminars** | |
| **A Governors IV**  **Introduction to Collaborative Safety –** Scott Modell, Ph.D. and Noel Hengelbrok, M.Sc., Founders Collaborative Safety | | **B Minnesota Ballroom West**  **Multidisciplinary team sessions:**  **Multidisciplinary team member training** For team members to increase knowledge and understanding regarding their different professional training and perspectives.  Marcia Milliken, Minnesota Children’s Alliance  **Multidisciplinary Teamwork with Adolescents**  Come away from this breakout with a greater appreciation of adolescence as a developmental stage and with hope for children and youth that have experienced difficult situations.  Jennifer Skuza, Ph.D. Joanne Tzenis MA, Sandra Lindgren, Ph.D. |
| **4:30- 5:30 p.m.** | Networking Reception, Citizen (conference restaurant) | |
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| **Thursday Nov. 2** | | | |  |
| **7:30-9:00 a.m.** | **Continental Breakfast** |  | | |
| **8:30-9:00 a.m.** | **Opening welcome address** | Jamie Sorenson, Child Safety and Permanency Director | | |
| **9:00-10:15 a.m.** | **Morning Keynote** | Collaborative Safety and supporting the child welfare workforce  Scott Modell, Ph.D. and Noel Hengelbrok, M.Sc., Founders Collaborative Safety | | |
| **10:30- 12:00 p.m.** | **Workshop Session 1** | | |  |
| **A Governors I**  **Collaborative Safety: what next?**  Agency Practice and Implementation  Kelly Knutson, MSW Supervisor, Quality Assurance CSP | **B Governors II**  **Screening with Sexually Exploited Youth**  Jessica Brogger, Child Welfare Training System (CWTS) and Dariann McCormick, CWTS contractor | **C Governors IV**  **Creative Solutions to GLBTQ Youth**  **Experiencing Homelessness**  Intervention models that are youth-centered, culturally responsive, and collaborative.  Ryan Berg, ConneQT Host Home Program Manager, Avenues for Homeless Youth | **D Minnesota Ballroom West**  **Transcending Historical Trauma**  Tawacin Tanka,  The presentation will provide information on historical trauma, intervention, and healing. It will be interactive and provide each participant an opportunity to have a voice through group dialogue. Nancy Bordeaux is Sicangu brought up on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota by her Grandparents. She has retained Lakota thought and language. She has been an Indian Child Welfare Act court liaison for out-state-tribes. | **E Governors III**  **The impact of incarceration: what workers need to know**  Individuals will share their personal stories involving the impact incarceration had on them, their children, and how child welfare played a role. |
| **12:00-1:00 p.m.** | **Lunch** | | | |
| **1:15-2:45 p.m.** | **Workshop Session 2** | | |  |
| **A Governors II**  **Parallel Protection Plans**  County and tribal staff will share their collaboration and use of Parallel Protection Plans for providing services in Carleton County.  Staff from Carleton County and Fond du lac Tribal Nation | **B Governors IV**  **Trauma Across Generations: Impact of Historical Trauma and Unresolved Grief**  Increase awareness of the link between historical and unresolved grief, and the challenges to effective community engagement. Discuss culturally sensitive trauma-informed promising practices as the most caring strategy we can do collectively and individually.  Sam Simmons, AA, LADC is a behavioral consultant specializing in practical culturally sensitive trauma- informed work with African American males and their families. | **C Minnesota Ballroom West**  **Practice Application Roundtables (select 2)**  Signs of Safety  Parent Support Outreach Program – Charlotte McDonald CSP  Supervision – Wendy Hendrickson, Carver County  Case management Redesign, Targeted Case Management, & Disability Waiver case management – Luke Simonett & Diane Marshall, CSP  Domestic Violence Guidelines – Laura Kennedy, CSP  Prenatal Exposure Guidelines- Sue Krinke, CSP  Advanced Screening – Jennifer Adamson, Janet Bowman, Hassan Ugas, CSP | **D Governors III**  **Parent Panel**  Journey through the System  Rena Moran, MN Communities Caring for Children |  |
|  | **Break** | | |  |
| **3:00-4:30pm** | **Workshop Session 3** | | |  |
| **A Governors I**  **Using Data to Inform and Support Positive Outcomes**  Nikki Kovan Ph.D., Research and Evaluation Supervisor, CSP | **B Governors III**  **Eliminating Barriers to Engagement**  Charles Dixon M.A., CSP | **C Governors IV**  **Integrating best practices supporting families**  Introduce DHS Integrative Care High Risk Pregnancies initiative.  Improve systems that work together to decrease child welfare in a family's life.  Sameerah Bilal, African American Babies Coalition | **D Minnesota Ballroom West**  **YOUth Speak: learning from the experts!**  Panelists will tell their story about how they became involved in the Child Welfare system, talk about their experiences working with social workers, foster parents and other providers.  This is a great opportunity for audience members to ask all of the difficult questions they may have always wanted to know about.  Nick Vogel, Agency Policy Specialist CSP  Youth members, Youth Leadership Council | **E Governors II**  **Understanding Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Identities and Language**  Get up-to-date language guidance and gain an understanding of trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) identities. Participants will learn how to respectfully interact with TGNC colleagues, clients, and community members.  Alex Nelson MSW, Child Welfare Training System CSP |
| **5:00-7:30 p.m.** | **Indigenous Cultures Immersion and Dinner Experience**  Bus provided from hotel; $10 cost for dinner.  Travel to Eastside Economic Development Center for dinner with local ethnic restaurants  Presentation by Cultural Arts Director; MaryAnn Quiroz and Sergio Quiroz and the Indigenous Artist Collective describing role of the center; providing connection to and artistic expression of indigenous cultures as an avenue of expression and healing. Day of the Dead Ceremony and Dance by Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli  **Optional Hosted Dinners at Various Local Restaurants** | | | |

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| **Friday Nov. 3** | | | |
| **7:30-9:00 a.m.** | **Continental Breakfast & Networking,** Minnesota Court | | |
| **9:00- 9:30 a.m.** | **Opening Welcome,** Minnesota Ballroom East | | |
| **9:30- 12:00pm** | **Morning Seminar** | | |
| **A Minnesota Ballroom West**  **World View, Power & Privilege and the Child Protection Worker**  Alex Jackson Nelson, CWTS  Dave Ellis, BS, CWTS Contractor | | **B Governors IV**  **“We Can Still Smile”- Experiencing Compassion Satisfaction In The Midst of This Work That We Do**  Covers multi-dimensional human services workplace stress, decision fatigue, and the Comprehensive Guide to Secondary Trauma for Child Welfare Organizations.  Alan O’Malley Larson MSW, LICSW, Olmsted County | **C Governors III**  **Including Human Trafficking as a Key Focus of Multidisciplinary Teams**  Requirements, resources, and best practices for working with children and youth who are or may be trafficked.  Sarah Ladd J.D., Sex Trafficking Child Protection Coordinator, CSP |