



A Full Day with Dr. Bruce Perry

Understanding Traumatized and Maltreated Children

Dr. Perry is an internationally recognized authority on the effect of child trauma and neglect on the developing brain. The effects of maltreating and traumatizing children have a complex impact on society. He will present comprehensive information on the primary problems facing maltreated children and the fundamental principles of a healthy development that go beyond good intentions and current practices. These dynamic approaches for care-giving for our community can shape optimal developmental experiences for our children.

April 24-25 Hilton Garden Inn - Great Falls, Montana

Day 2 Breakout Sessions

Elizabeth Kohlstaedt, Ph.D. Clinical Director, Intermountain

“What is Harmed by Relationship Must be Healed by Relationship”

Dr. Kohlstaedt will discuss a developmental approach by which to understand and treat children’s serious emotional disturbances. She will also review ways to determine where the harm was done and how to direct parents, teachers, and professionals to understand the need beneath the behavior and meet the need rather than react to the behavior.

Kate Cremer-Vogel, MS, LCPC, Co-Author of What Every Adoptive Parent Needs to Know: Healing Your Child’s Wounded Heart

“Handling Chronic Misbehavior: A Therapeutic Approach That Works”

She will present an approach to handling misbehavior that is highly effective and that can actually heal the problem at its source. Included are the “how-to’s” of this brain science-based therapeutic approach that uses empathy as its power source.

Dan Aune, LCSW, Board President for Mental Health America of Montana

“Teaching Restitution in the Home: A Guide to Building a Child’s Responsibility”

Mr. Aune will provide a background on the concept of restitution in the family, and Choice Theory psychology which places an emphasis on personal responsibility,

meeting basic psychological needs, and teaching restitution.

Nicole Gray & Natalie Bolon, Montana Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
“Effects of Domestic and Sexual Violence on Children: How Advocates Can Help”

This dynamic duo will show the impact of primary and secondary witnessing of violence in the home, as well as the principles of trauma-informed care and the tools advocates can use.

Tina S. Visscher, MS, MSW, LCSW
“The Special Challenges of Working With Neglect”

Ms. Visscher will lead participants to an increased comprehension of the internal reality of children who have experienced neglect. Case studies will be used to illustrate both the concepts and the interventions.

Michelle M. Hill, LCPC,
“Age Appropriate Expectations for Early Childhood: Behavior Solutions”

This session will provide a background on developmental milestones, childhood mental illness and developmentally appropriate behavior solutions. This includes a clear understanding of physical, social and emotional child development, and an understanding of how childhood mental illness affects development and behavior. Ms. Hill will present behavioral solutions to manage negative behaviors specifically for ages 0 to 5.

Presentation Objectives

1. Understand the effects of trauma and neglect on the brain from a neuroscientific perspective.
2. Identify signs and symptoms of trauma and neglect in young children.
3. Learn new strategies for care, program development, and policy as related to developmental trauma.

Optional Dinner on Friday Night

Come receive updates from Leslie Carson, Executive Director of MHA of MT, and others on the organization’s programs and activities as well as legislative updates.

Cost: \$20 Must register in advance



Sponsorships are available!

- **Bronze** - \$250 includes complementary exhibit table and 1 conference admission
- **Silver** - \$500 includes an exhibit table, 2 conference admission and a program listing.
- **Gold** - \$1000 includes an exhibit table, 3 conference admissions and a full page ad in program.

*Exhibit tables are available for \$150
Contact jana@montanamentalhealth.org*

Hotel Information

Room blocks are being held at the Hilton Garden Inn & the Hampton Inn.

Please contact the hotels directly to make reservations. Blocks release April 1st.

Hilton Garden Inn 406-452-1000
Room Rate: \$99.00, single or double, plus tax
Hampton Inn 406-453-2675
Room Rate: \$89.00, single or double, plus tax

CEUs are pending for social workers and counselors. **OPI Renewal Units** pending for teachers.

Registration Information



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Name (as it would appear on a badge)

Title/Organization (If Applicable)

Address

Phone

Email

Registration Fees: Check choices

Full day with Dr. Bruce Perry- April 24th 10am to 5pm

Before March 24.....\$100.00

After March 24.....\$120.00

Optional Dinner Friday Night

Featuring MHA of MT latest activities
and legislative updates.....\$20.00

Breakout Sessions- April 25th

9am to 2:30pm.....\$50.00

Current Montana Mental Health Association
members may deduct \$10 from the registration fee.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

REGISTER ONLINE AT
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Send registration by April 20, 2009 to:
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