

## Other Comments:

### *Youth*

- ▶ It is interesting how many families opted to bring their young children to this year's conference. I have not seen this before and do not believe that it was in the best interest of the conference or of the children attending. The presentations were directed to adults and some had very strong images and language.

### *Simply Fun*

- ▶ Loved the games at lunchtime
- ▶ I really enjoyed the games at lunch time. Excellent activity!

### *Keynote Speakers*

- ▶ The conference was very informative and enjoyable. Make sure Mr. Davis is invited back next year!
- ▶ Keynote on Day one was not very good in my opinion. Day two was much better!
- ▶ Keynote addresses not always of interest to the youth.

### *Speakers/workshops*

- ▶ Michael Davis was excellent, and I hope that he attends next year. Some of my ratings on the evaluation were low because I didn't attend sessions that addressed the issue, i.e., engaging youth. Parts of the conference that I did not attend may have done this very well. The sessions that I did attend were excellent.
- ▶ I would have liked to have seen less choices of workshops, and longer times with certain speakers
- ▶ For this conference to be truly SOC, Education & Juvenile Corrections and Probation should partner in presenting and participating.
- ▶ Since suicide goes in hand with Better Today's Better Tomorrow's, I sure would appreciate the information in Spanish. Overall, my hat goes off to the team that made this possible. I thank you all, including the presenters.
- ▶ There seemed to be a lot of parents angry at the school system. If this is truly "systems of care" we should have some local reps from the school board there to hear the concerns.
- ▶ I attended one session where the presenters were disseminating inaccurate information regarding IDEA rules and regulations. It was clear they did not know that subject matter well. I was very discouraged by their obvious bias and disregard for opinions that differed from their own. Additionally, I believe they were "educating" parents based on this misinformation which would do the opposite of what a system of care and advocacy approach intends.
- ▶ Some sessions would have been better as two part sessions (i.e. Michael Davis, Chocolate to Ecstasy; Mary Grealish's Crisis Planning). These presenters were rushed through their presentations and it would have been of great value to give them more time.
- ▶ I would also like the feedback on our sessions. INSIGHTS a Three Pronged Approach to PSR.
- ▶ Session length. After 90 minutes, you are tired and need a break.
- ▶ More informative sessions at 90 minutes.

### *Topics*

- ▶ Send out surveys for PARENTS asking what they would most benefit from at this conference before next years speakers are selected.
- ▶ Topics were great and well rounded. Plan on attending next year.

### *Topics (continued)*

- ▶ I especially enjoyed the wrap around track. I met a woman named Nancy. She will hopefully be shedding some light on SED in our area. Or at least helping families cope and understand it a little better. Overall, I thought everyone did a great job. My daughter also attended the youth track. We both thought it was an informational conference and hope to be able to attend again.
- ▶ I will not attend another Systems of Care Conference. The last conference I attended was two years ago and it was excellent. I would also suggest charging for the next conference and not providing meals. We need to focus on quality of presentations so that professionals can improve the service they can provide to their family's they are serving versus a limited amount of families that attend and the message is usually not communicated to other families.
- ▶ The classes were all good that I attended and got something out of each one.
- ▶ Maybe someone could have explained how we refer people to Federation of Families when they don't qualify with our agency but we know they need help would be great!
- ▶ It would really be nice to have a three day conference with several breaks during the day, to fit all that you have going in just 2 days is very tiring and wears some of us "older" folks out, if you would give us a few breaks, it would be helpful.
- ▶ One or two sessions that are strictly for networking with other parents/mental health professionals....there wasn't much chance to do this because we were either at workshops or at a meal (which was also a session, with speakers)
- ▶ I am looking forward to broader exposure to children's mental health issues.
- ▶ For next time, some kind of session referring to youth and sex(relationships)
- ▶ Wonderful workshops.
- ▶ It was my first year attending and I was very impressed by the topics being discussed and the overall organization of the event. Well done!

### *Food/Facilities*

- ▶ This was my first System of Care conference so I don't know if BSU has hosted the conference before, but I felt the facility was an excellent place for the conference. The food was excellent and the small meeting rooms comfortable and easy to hear even in the back.
- ▶ The food was really good. Thanks for the opportunity my family had to attend the conference.
- ▶ The facility and accommodations were very comfortable.
- ▶ Great food and I liked how there were sodas throughout the day. It helped me to keep focused.
- ▶ Buffet lunch had only one entree option (I was allergic to tomatoes in lasagne) perhaps 2 choices would be nice

### *Networking*

- ▶ It might have been good to have an hour designated with signs for providers, community partners, and families so they could network.
- ▶ Thank you. It was a wonderful experience for me! I learned a great deal and had the opportunity to meet other professionals.
- ▶ Great watering hole experience to meet with other people who care about kids with SED and all families.

### *Culturally Oriented*

- ▶ Language interpreters seated at tables with others created a distracting noise level for others. A modification in seating arrangements might assist all parties.
- ▶ More panel view points. Use people in northern Idaho. I got a feeling of culture bias in some sessions - one sided.

## Conference Logistics

- ▶ It was a great conference. I really enjoyed it and after several of the sessions felt motivated to be more involved in my community and more motivated at work to look for opportunities to become more involved with wraparound.
- ▶ Great lunch, great organization, great conference!
- ▶ Great job! Overall informative and enjoyable.
- ▶ Aida is great.
- ▶ Lunch needs to be a break. Allow people to eat and visit with those around them.
- ▶ Quality conference!!
- ▶ Is there any way to do this conference in early June so more teachers can attend? They really are on the frontline working with our children and would benefit so much from hearing this information. Is there any way to get pictures of the inside/outside boxes and copies of the poems that were written by our youth? What about the possibility of having the youth, parents and professionals work on an art project together as a group project. I am also thinking about more activities that promote family fun - enjoying time together and team building activities that encourage cooperation for a common goal. THANKS MORE THAN I CAN SAY... I always come back from this conference renewed and ready to make a difference.
- ▶ Some of the workshops were geared for a specific audience, for example one was clearly for school personnel, and it would have been good to know that before the workshop. I very much appreciated the banquet and other activities that included family and youth, and was thrilled to see the enthusiasm of the youth!
- ▶ Conference workshops were better than last year. It seems the Conference itself was better organized.
- ▶ This was my first system of care conference and was glad for the experience.
- ▶ Overall the conference was very informative,
- ▶ Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful conference where I acquired a great deal of knowledge and had the opportunity to obtain information from other's perspectives.
- ▶ Thank you for all of your hard work providing this training opportunity for us.
- ▶ Great conference!
- ▶ Overall a great conference
- ▶ Great conference. I plan to attend again next year!
- ▶ I hope there can be many more Systems of Care Conferences in the future!
- ▶ Thank you to all the people who worked hard to put this together

### *Conference Logistics (continued)*

- ▶ This is the first systems of care that I have ever attended. I was very impressed with this conference.
- ▶ Great conference
- ▶ I felt that the conference was geared to meet the needs of young and old alike; family and professional alike - great job.
- ▶ Fantastic conference! The food was great, and I liked the salty snack in the afternoon, rather than something with sugar. The youth presentations of poetry was wonderful - however - as an audience member, it could have been more powerful if I'd known a little bit more about the kids there. Not a bunch of private stuff, but some challenges perhaps. And if we could have learned a little more about the issues they talked about in their sessions, etc. Overall, though, how brave of them to do this. It was wonderful. The games at lunch of the first day were FANTASTIC! I absolutely loved that part too.
- ▶ Great job!!
- ▶ I really enjoyed the conference. The people who attend are wonderful, hardworking, hopeful human beings.
- ▶ Keep up the great work. I can't wait until next year. The youth are amazing.
- ▶ If there could be a room set aside for kids who become ill so they can still be near parents who are attending instead of having to send them alone to a nearby hotel, that would be helpful.
- ▶ Clarify how and where everything was set up. When dealing with people who have insecurities, they do not want to ask for directions. Some were confused as to where things were, etc. Generally it was great, but considering the population you are addressing, I would make it more interactive and clear. Blessing to you and the whole staff that put this together, great job!
- ▶ PLEASE plan to present this conference in Eastern Idaho. I'm moving there this summer and I know a lot of people in that part of the state who would attend this conference if it were closer to them. This issue needs to be taken to more people.
- ▶ I really feel this confrence was well planned and consisted of many different opportunities to learn to speak up for our children.
- ▶ Well thought out. Anyone who has not attended these should certainly be encouraged to. I did note that few administrators or managers attended this conference.
- ▶ Great Job. Thanks for everything.
- ▶ Great Conference. Aida and Sandy, Stacey, Patti and Linda Clements all GREAT folks to work with. Mr. Sanders will be greatly missed
- ▶ Thanks so much for having this conference. I plan to attend again next year!
- ▶ Keep up the good work and hopefully be able to attend next year's session. Great job.
- ▶ I really liked the conference and plan on coming back to it the following year.
- ▶ You did a great job. I really learned alot and my children and I enjoyed ourselves. Thank you.
- ▶ When we checked out of the motel, there is no place to put our bags.
- ▶ Excellent training - suggest this year's participants come back next year. Truly a good learning experience. Good job. Keep up the good work.
- ▶ Make this conference available in other communities. Some session areas needed to go longer.
- ▶ Had a great time. Thank you. 90-minute sessions was the right thing to do. If they were shorter, it would have been harder to get all the information.
- ▶ Very awesome conference! 90-minute sessions is great! Some should be longer.
- ▶ We had fun staying at the hotel and staying in the class and doing a lot of things.
- ▶ Most everything was fun :)

### *Conference Logistics (continued)*

- ▶ All of you ladies and gentlemen did a great job. I congratulate you. Thank you for helping us be better, more compassionate parents, teachers and care providers.
- ▶ The awards were an important part, especially for those who were honored for years of service. Do it when you have an audience. 90-minute sessions was good, teachers and trainers need more time to develop topics.
- ▶ It was my first year attending and I was very impressed by the topics being discussed and the overall organization of the event. Well done!

### *Other*

- ▶ Over-all very good.
- ▶ None
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- ▶ Aida is great.
- ▶ None
- ▶ None
- ▶ GREAT JOB, CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK.
- ▶ None
- ▶ No comments
- ▶ No.