

DAY TWO

Keynote Address 9:30 - 10:30am

“Keeping the Passion Alive: Survival in an Ever Changing World”

Speaker: Michael E. Davis

We are caring providers trying to serve and educate our clients, and loving adults trying to be the best parents possible, and kids just trying to grow up and be successful human beings. We live in a society where services ebb and flow with funding, case loads are usually too large, resources come and go, and the pieces of our lives are constantly changing with every increasing complexity. There is an overwhelming number of small decisions and tasks that steadily push us towards apathy and depression and giving up. In this workshop Michael will be sharing ideas and strategies for keeping our passion for caring and loving and growing, alive!

WORKSHOPS IV (Tuesday, March 4th - 10:45-12:15 pm)

A – Cross-Cultural Issues Related to Historical Trauma & Generational Grief PART I

Speaker: Viann Nations, Ph.D.

Generational grief is a “a continuous passing on of unresolved and deep-seated emotions, such as grief and chronic sadness, to successive descendents.” Generational grief continues to impact current populations, especially Native Americans, through lack of validation of historical trauma and through ongoing personal, family, community, and cultural losses. This workshop will focus on skill building in working with generational grief.

B – “Good Grief”: Coping with Loss

Speaker: Michael Davis

We all experience loss: the death of a loved one, loss of control of our situation, loss of our dream of what our child's life would be like, loss of a care giver, loss of privacy, loss of funding, death of a pet, loss of health, loss of a relationship, loss of the "good old days", loss of our own life goals, and thousands more. It's part of our human experience. Grief is our natural reaction to loss. If that grief is dealt with, it can help us move forward. If it is not dealt with, it can exhibit itself in many ways that inhibit our growth and our ability to move ahead with our lives. It can even cause serious illness. In this workshop we will explore strategies for helping ourselves and others through small and large losses. Mike is one of the founders of Hospice of Seattle (the 3rd hospice in the U.S.) and has been working in the field of loss and grief since 1973. to children in the educational setting.

C – How To Find Teen Drinkers on MYSpace.com PART I

Speaker: Jared Olsen

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LUNCH: 12:30 - 2:00pm

“Sustaining the Idaho System of Care” discussion for all attendees to be held during the lunch hour.

WORKSHOPS V (Tuesday, March 4th - 2:00 - 3:30 pm)

A – Cross-Cultural Issues Related to Historical Trauma & Generational Grief PART II

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B – How To Be A Better Advocate

Speaker: Bill Elvey

This presentation is geared toward parents, professionals, and advocates for children who want to more effectively advocate for a Free Appropriate Public Education. It will not be your basic “IEP 101.” We will be talking about what is FAPE and how it is the basis for everything that is in an IEP along with how to use it to ensure children are receiving an appropriate education. We will also be talking about fairly sophisticated ways to problem-solve disputes and the various formal procedures with dispute resolution.

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