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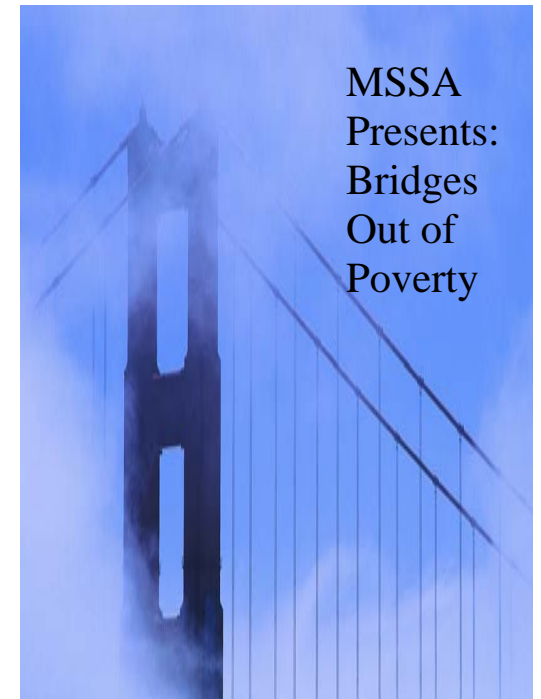
Directions

From Fergus Falls: Take Highway 210 East out of Fergus Falls for 17 miles. Make a left hand turn into Battle Lake (Highway #78) continue for 16 miles to Hwy. 108 (Main Street). Turn right and make your first left onto Thumper Pond Drive and a right onto Thumper Lodge Road.

From Fargo/Moorhead: Take Highway 10 to Perham Exit (Highway 78), and follow Highway 78 South to Highway 108 (Main Street). Take a left on Hwy 108. Make a left onto Thumper Pond Drive and a right onto Thumper Lodge Road.

Wadena: Go Southwest on Hwy. 29 and take a right onto Hwy. 52. Continue on Hwy 52 until it turns into Hwy. 108. Go through Ottertail City, and take a right on Thumper Pond Drive and a right onto Thumper Lodge Road.

Minnesota Social Services Association Region IV MSSA Fall Conference September 26, 2008



Location:
Thumper Pond
300 Thumper Lodge Road
Ottertail, MN 56571
1-877-294-7981 toll free
(218) 367-2000 phone

The Day's Agenda

CEU's Available

- 8:00 Registration**
- 9:00 Welcome and Business Meeting**
- 9:25 – 10:00 MSSA Legislative Proposals**
- 10:00 Break**
- 10:15 – 11:30 Workshop – Bridges Out of Poverty**
Michael Callaghan,
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN

People in poverty face challenges virtually unknown to those in middle class or wealthy – challenges from both obvious and hidden sources. The reality of being poor brings out a survival mentality, and turns attention away from opportunities taken for granted by everyone else. This seminar serves to help professionals and service organizations understand these challenges and thus create bridges to partner with their clients, thereby creating opportunities for success.

Goals of the workshop:

1. To promote a deeper understanding of the people human service professions serve that live in poverty.

2. To help professionals identify the challenges and strengths of their clients.

3. To help create opportunities for professionals to partner with their clients in poverty, thereby increasing their chances for success, and an improved way of life.

About our Speaker:

Callaghan serves as a member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Government Programs Relationship Management Team. His primary focus is serving members receiving Medical Assistance on Public Programs. Through his county relationships he assists counties statewide to address the needs and challenges of their clients in poverty. Mikes holds a BA degree in Social Psychology and has been trained by AhaProcess which owns the Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop.

11:30 – 12:00 Region IV MSSA Awards

12:00 Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 (3-3:30 questions)
Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop Continues

Registration

- \$35.00 MSSA Member Registration Prior to August 29, 2008
- \$40.00 Registration at the Door or after September 12, 2008
- \$25.00 Registration Rate for Students with Student ID
(Registration fee includes lunch and refreshments.)

I am a current member of MSSA.

- Yes No

I would like to become a member: *(95% of Membership may be claimed on your tax return.) Select one:*

- \$35.00 Individual Member
 - \$20.00 Foster Parent, Client, Retired, Volunteer, Unemployed or Full-Time Student
- I am #:** *(please check one)*
- County Commissioner Social Worker
 - Financial Worker Management
 - Clerical Client Contact
 - Board Member
 - Volunteer, Retired, Client, Unemployed, Foster Parent, Student *(Circle One)*
 - Other

Name

Agency

Address

City, State, Zip

Work Phone

Email address

Mail to: MSSA Conference, Otter Tail County Social Services, 530 W. Fir Ave., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.
Checks payable to Region IV MSSA.