

Every Student Connected: Developing a Language of Connection to Engage Students and Families

Forum presenter: Casey Ladd



Nationally recognized research shows that the health and future success of students are closely linked to how connected they feel to their school. When families, students, and school staff get locked in negative patterns of communication, there can be disconnects that leave all involved feeling disregarded and disrespected.

This workshop will focus on what schools can and must do to maintain respectful communication with students and their families. It will show how schools can communicate with respect by building on student and family assets and strengths.

Our presenter will be Casey Ladd, LICSW, LMFT, a clinical supervisor at Family and Children's Service. Ms. Ladd has 30 years of experience as a family therapist working with vulnerable youth and their families. She has extensive training experience with schools and social service providers.

Workshop topics include:

- Communication skills to help school staff remain connected to youth and families.
- The respect—shame continuum of communication.
- How to recognize when a disconnect has happened.
- Skills for initiating a “repair move.”

Sponsored by the Initiative for Violence-Free Families at Family & Children's Service, the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office



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Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
2200 W. Old Shakopee Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55431
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
(Registration at 8 a.m.)

Individual or Team Captain: _____

Team Member Names: _____

E-mail: _____

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School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____

Fees*:

\$20 individual

\$10 per person for teams of 3-5

\$5 students

* Preregistration and payment are required.

Please make check or money order payable to Family & Children's Service.

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Registration due by September 26, 2007. Space is limited to 50 participants.