

2018 Parenting Education Symposium

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Minnesota Department of Education, Conference Center B

Event Website: <http://parented.wikidot.com/2018-symposium>

- Goals:** 1) Highlight the importance of building a high-quality workforce of professionals who work with families. 2) Bring together leaders and practitioners from a variety of fields/sectors. 3) Collaborate on generating information that will contribute to the *Transforming Minnesota's Early Childhood Workforce* plan.

AGENDA

Time Activity/Result

10:00 Welcome and Overview - Mike Brown & Nedra Robinson

Result: Participants are welcomed and receive an overview of the day.

10:10 Minnesota's Transforming the Workforce for Children B-8 - Molly Harney & Debbie Hewitt

Result: Participants learn about the initiative to transform the workforce for children age birth to eight and the potential role of family professionals in the plan.

10:40 Discussion 1 - What needs to be included in a work plan for family professionals?

Task: Participants discuss the presentation, presenters' questions, and deliberate on what they think should be included in a workforce plan for family professionals.

11:00 National Parenting Education Network (NPEN) Parenting Educator Competencies – Betty Cooke & Glen Palm

Result: Participants learn about the new parenting educator competencies from the National Parenting Education Network and the role of competencies in workforce development.

11:20 Discussion 2 - What forms the foundation for what family professionals need to know/do?

Task: Participants discuss the presentation and collaborate on ways to enhance competencies and actions of those who work with families.

11:40 Parenting Interventions - Chris Mehus

Result: Participants learn about evidence-based parenting interventions and how they can be used not only to improve child and family outcomes, but to also build competencies.

12:00 Lunch/Break with Discussion and Reflection

12:00 Lunch and Discussion 3 - How do we increase access to parenting education?

Task: Participants discuss ways of increasing access to high-quality parenting education.

12:20 Ways of Supporting Staff Who Work with Families - Heather Kilgore

Result: Participants learn from a school district leader how they support and develop personnel who work with families.

12:40 Discussion 4 - How do organizations and leaders best support family professionals?

Task: Participants discuss ways of increasing recognition and support for those who work with families, focusing on preparation, professional development, and resources.

1:00 Developing Specialized Knowledge and Skills throughout the Field - Abi Gewirtz

Result: Participants learn how families are impacted by stress and trauma, and how interventions were created to respond to the needs of families.

1:40 Supporting and Transforming the Workforce: Reflections and Next Steps

Result: Presenters and participants share reflections on day and suggestions for next steps.

2:00 Symposium Concludes (please complete evaluation - link on event website)