

**Iowa Federation of Families for
Children's Mental Health
106 South Booth
Anamosa, Iowa 52205t**



The presenters fee's for this conference were paid for by the Iowa Department of Human Services through it's contract with Magellan Health Services of Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health Medicaid Community Reinvestment funding."

Conference Sponsors:

- Iowa Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
- Independent Child Advocate Services
- Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health Center
- Iowa Department of Human Services
- Iowa Department of Education
- Iowa Department of Public Health
- Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa

**Iowa Federation of Families
for
Children's Mental Health**

Presents:

**First Annual
Children's Mental Health
Awareness and Recovery
Conference**

May 5 2008

Speakers:

Angela Nelson

Barbara Huff

Pat Hunt

Registration: 7:15-8:30

Conference: 8:30-4:30

Fee: \$20.00

Location:

Hawkeye Community College

Tama Hall Auditorium

1501 East Orange Road

Waterloo, Iowa

Speakers

Angela Nelson

Angela is an accomplished artist who has received scholarships to the Chicago Art Institute. Her artistic ceramic tiles have been featured in the Chicago Tribune. From age eleven to adulthood at twenty-one, Angela was a ward of the State of Illinois. During this time she experienced every type of placement possible. She has served as member of the Illinois Child Welfare Training team, reflecting the views of a child who lived the system. She mesmerizes audiences with her insights as a former youth consumer and provokes all of us to rethink many of our customary beliefs. She was one of the first youth Board Member of the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, advocating to ensure that services bridge the gaps between child and adult care. Angela is now Youth Coordinator for Georgia Parent Support Network.

Barbara Huff

Barbara is the parent of a daughter who grew up with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse challenges. Her struggle to get appropriate services, supports and treatment for her daughter led her to advocating on a larger scale. She was one of the founders and the first president of the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. She served thirteen years as the Federation's Executive Director. Barbara is currently both a part time project coordinator and a consultant for the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. Barbara's appointment to the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Advisory Council raises the family voice to a new level of influence on policy and systems change.

Pat Hunt

As the Director of Child and Family Resiliency Services, Pat's role is key to the realization of resiliency and recovery throughout Magellan's operations and the lives of members it serves. Her responsibilities include promoting the meaningful involvement of families of children and youth; advancing family support and education; and highlighting the lived experiences of children, youth and their families to ensure that both our policy and practice support resiliency and recovery. Prior to joining the Magellan team, Pat held a seven-year senior leadership position of Director of the Office of Policy for the national Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. As the conduit for local grassroots experience to better inform national policy decisions, her long-standing relationship with families across the nation has been essential.

Who Should Attend?

- ◆ **Families, youth and caregivers**
- ◆ **Community interest groups**
- ◆ **Public agencies - child welfare, law enforcement, education, behavioral health, substance abuse, juvenile justice etc**
- ◆ **Service providers**
- ◆ **College student's**

Why Should You Attend?

- ◆ **Promoting Children's Mental Health Awareness, Resiliency and Recovery will create an awareness about children's mental health to families, youth (transition age), caregivers, community members and providers**
- ◆ **Providing a Children's Mental Health Awareness and Resiliency and Recovery Training will educate and empower families, youth, communities and providers in a positive manner that will lead to a collaborative partnership among all who have a stake in children or youth (including transition age) with mental health challenges**

Please Note: We believe that Mental Health and Substance Abuse are intricately connected

Agenda

Registration 7:30-8:30 am

- 8:30 **Welcome:**
Governor Chet Culver (Invited)
Dr Allen Parks (Invited)
Representative Debra Berry
Representative Dawn Pettengill
- 9:00 **Dare to Dream Youth Presentation**
- 9:30 **Angela Nelson**
- 11:00 **Barbara Huff & Pat Hunt**
- 12:00 **Lunch on your own**
- 1:15 **Barbara Huff & Pat Hunt**
- 4:00 **Challenge**
- 4:15 **Closing**

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City : _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please designate your affiliation:

Parent _____ Professional _____ Both _____

Registration Fee \$20.00 per person

Please complete and send with payment to:

Iowa Federation of Families for
Children's Mental Health
106 S Booth St
Anamosa, IA 52205
319-462-2187
help@iffcmh.org
www.iffcmh.org