



Brightways Learning



Educators' Confluence

Where Connections and Collaboration Meet

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JUNE 14-15, 2023
Double Tree Missoula, MT

**Be ready to transform your practice and
replenish your resiliency!**



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A unique conference experience with...

- Collegial collaboration and connection woven throughout
- Nationally recognized facilitators committed to trending content, interactive delivery, and engaging discussions
- Meaningful and guided self-reflection
- Targeted strategies for personal/professional wellbeing
- Breakout sessions to "dive deep" into topics you care most about

What can you expect?

You can expect to be playful, ready to share what you know and be ready to grow! Your facilitators and break-out activity leaders are committed to supporting personalized development to help you get the most out of your journey with us.

Featured Facilitators



**BETH
BUCHANAN**



**AMY
MCDONALD**



**DAVID
PAVISH**

Location

Double Tree Missoula

Cost

\$275 Registration Fee
\$150 College Student Rate
Group Rates Available (see website)

Registration

BrightwaysLearning.org/events

Alaska Air Discount ECME610 for 5% off



Scan the QR code
for further
discounts,
event info & bios!

Looking for credit?

Attending our Confluence can earn educators:

- 14 MT OPI Renewal Units
- 1 UAA Continuing Education Credit



Learning



Connecting



Rejuvenating

Daily Agenda

Wednesday, June 14

8:00-8:30am: Check-in

8:30-8:45am: Welcome and connecting with other participants.

8:45-9:15am: **Everyone Needs a Web of Support**

Learning about our webs from the experts in the room.



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9:15-11:45am: **What Is Happening With Your Vagus Nerve?**

Self-awareness & moving from one vagal state to another.



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11:45-12:45pm: Lunch (provided)

12:45-1:45pm: **Connection Through Story**

Using classroom literature to deepen understanding of Webs of Support



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1:45-4:15pm: **Break & Breakout Sessions**

60 minutes each, participants will be able to attend all four sessions throughout the two days.



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STEVEN
MARTEN

4:15-4:30pm: **Closing**

Re-evaluating the tools and strategies you need so you can live your passion/do what you are called to do without sacrificing your quality of life.

5:15 - 6:00pm: **Evening Reception**

Daily Agenda Thursday, June 15

8:30-9:00am: Morning Engagement

9:00-11:15am: Break & Breakout Sessions

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11:15-11:45am: Self-Compassion

How does befriending your nervous system change your life?



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11:45-12:45pm: Lunch (provided)

12:45-2:00pm: Neuroception

What happens outside of our cognitive awareness? How do our bodies respond automatically to events in our environments?



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2:00-2:15pm: Break

2:15-3:45pm: The Good Enough Educator

What are the social norms in your school system? How do you, as an educator, focus on your gifts and talents that meet the needs of your students?



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4:15 - 4:30pm: Evaluation and gratitude activity.

Breakout Facilitators



KERRIE CARL

Adult & Youth Educator

Growing Resilience Through Your Support Network

Learn about and experience the correlation between your Web of Support (protective factors and learning supports) and your effectiveness in the classroom, connection to students, personal and professional satisfaction, and professional longevity. The eye-opening results and corresponding strategies will help you build resilience, reduce compassion fatigue, and promote wellness.



DANTE HUFFINE

AMANDA BLANKENSHIP

Youth Development Specialists

Transforming Teens: From Chaos to Calm

The best advocates in our schools are our students. In this session, we will learn and practice techniques we use to teach neuroscience to teenagers in ways that they understand what is happening in their brains. We will also experience some new and in-depth ways of teaching the Full-Color Webs of Support™ story so that teenagers can teach it to others in their Webs.



ANGELA HARRIS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker
and Certified Phase 2 Trainer,
Neurosequential Model of
Therapeutics©

The Neurosequential Model Is Your New Power Tool!

The Neurosequential Model (NMT)©, developed by Dr. Bruce Perry, is a framework for understanding children (and adults) in a developmentally sensitive and neurobiologically informed way. This session will expand your knowledge of the Intimacy Barrier, an individual threshold of relational interaction influenced by one's relational history. You will apply gained knowledge to provide attuned, intentional relational interactions that respect individual boundaries. You will learn tips that can assist with understanding an individual's intimacy barrier and respectful ways to engage, increasing the opportunity for relationships to buffer adversity.



STEVEN MARTEN

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor,
National Certified Counselor

Prioritizing Your Life: What's Your Why?

We often have conversations about work/life balance. Educators especially discuss this because our jobs continue long past the "end of the work day." The problem with work/life balance is that it seems like a goal to attain. Instead, it is more about prioritizing your time and how you spend it. Rather than a goal, it is an ongoing process. There will always be something else "to do." We will work together to discover proven, easy-to-implement strategies to prioritize your time to live your best life.



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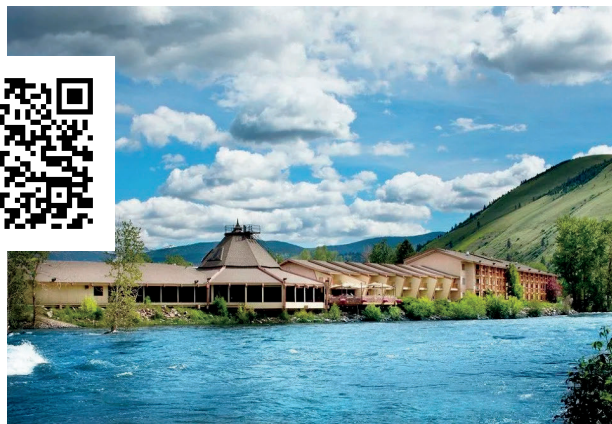
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Dining

\$ - Cheap Eats

Five on Black - Casual Brazilian, Vegetarian Friendly
Bridge Pizza - Italian
Big Dipper Ice Cream - Frozen Treats
Break Espresso - Coffee & Bakery
Press Box - Burgers & Fries, Sports Bar
Pie Hole - Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly
Masala - Modern Indian, Vegetarian Friendly

\$\$ - Mid Range

Market On Front - Quick bites, American, Cafe
Conflux Brewery - American, Brew Pub, Cajun & Creole
Tamarack Brewery - American, Bar, Pub
Iron Horse Grill - American, Bar
Zoo Thai - Authentic Thai Food
Top Hat - American, Bar
Biga Pizza - Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly

\$\$\$ - Fine Dining

Pangea - International, Fusion, Vegetarian Friendly
Second Set Bistro - American Fine Dining
1889 - Steak & Seafood

Local Attractions

Hiking Trails - Kim Williams, The M,
Rattlesnake, Pattee Canyon
Caras Park
A Carousel for Missoula
AMC Dine-In Theatre
River City Brew Float
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Missoula Arts Museum
Historical Museum at Fort Missoula
Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery
The Roxy Theater
Greenough Park

Day Trips

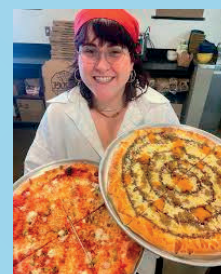
Bison Range
Hot Springs - Jerry Johnson, Weir, Wild Horse
Glacier National Park
House of 1000 Buddhas
Garnet Ghost Town
Snow Bowl



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Drummond, MT



A Carousel of Missoula
Downtown Missoula



Bridge Pizza
Downtown Missoula