

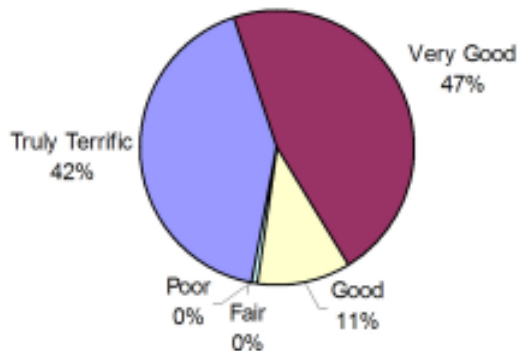


Idaho Partnerships Conference on Human Services

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2009 CONFERENCE EVALUATION SUMMARY

The Conference Overall Was:



Comments about this year's conference:

I left the conference feeling refreshed.

I really liked the choices of local presenters. It is easier to network with local presenters than national presenters. Local presenters are a resource that I can send other people to. We need to tap into these resources more!

I loved the theme "Keep Moving Forward" Thank you!

As a supervisor, I learned techniques for me to use, learned how to be a better supervisor and how to focus my strengths. Also learned how to prioritize things that mean the most to me!

This is my first year. I really enjoyed the feeling of community.

I've learned so much. It really was amazing. Every session I took away something.

Allen Anderson was awesome and had a great presentation. He seemed to really help with those doing job development services.

Great job, as always!

Bring Lisa Horan and Rich Pimentel back! Bring them all back!



October 8th & 9th, 2009
Holiday Inn - Airport Hotel
Boise, Idaho

This conference was a wonderful experience - the speakers were the best ever and the cost of attending was truly affordable. Thanks so much!



A total of 485 parents, professionals and self-advocates attended this year's 2-day conference at the Holiday Inn-Boise Airport.

What have you learned that you will apply:

I'm ready to move forward and start with a plan.

It's important to have fun at work! I learned so many beneficial things!

Various ideas on supervision.

The art therapy technique from Joan Schramm's presentation was wonderful.

I learned that self-care is important. I also learned some non-traditional approaches to problem-solving and job placement.

I learned a lot about PBS (Positive Behavioral Supports).

The session on goal setting was great – thanks!

Different Play Therapy techniques.

The DAN approach.

I learned a different perspective on behaviors and dealing with individuals.

Lots of great information on sensory tools.

How to better balance my work and family.

The personal growth tracks were a nice refresher and helpful.

I learned about specific medical symptoms of children with autism.

I learned about the emotional regulation of kids and how to help them emotionally regulate themselves.

I learned so much: Sensory play ideas; why reinforcement works and how; and emotional regulation.

I enjoyed learning about love languages and how I can use them in my personal and professional life.

How to work better as a team.

I really liked Lisa Horan, Kathi Calouri, Mike Day, I learned some new things from them!

How to handle some misbehaviors and using reinforcements the right way.

I learned how to focus on positive reinforcement, relationships, and participant's dreams.

Lots: Managing stress; recognizing love languages; and lots of info on ADA.

New job site development techniques - will use to train my staff.

So much about emotional regulation will apply to what I do.

I learned about the 5 love languages. Also I have gained a deeper knowledge of advocating for and understanding the client's cultural standpoint.

How to focus on one thing and also keeping focused during conversations I'm having with coworkers and being present in the conversation.

I learned about sleep vs. insomnia.

The employment track was very good. I learned how to network with employers.

I learned to seek knowledge and never stop!

Sharing all the information with the families I work with will be very important. I learned not to give up!

I learned the importance of taking care of myself so I can better care for others.

I learned about healthy sleep practices, love languages and autism – very informative.

The importance of thinking positive!

Too many to list! Excellent!

I learned about behavior techniques and positive reinforcement.

Set goals for self, and clients to reach where to go. Don't give up!

Becoming a more effective supervisor and active team member. How to better serve the participant and their family.

I learned how to get along better in the workplace and how to get along with a teenager. To understand how to think more positive about myself and my abilities.



Barry Watts, LCPC
“Family Systems Theory”



Joan Schramm, LCSW
“Play Therapy”

What have you learned that you will apply:



Allen Anderson, M.A.
“The Structure of Job Development”

The conference had a lot of personal and inter-relational information.

How to be a better supervisor and keep both myself and my employees motivated

I learned applicable therapeutic counseling skills, particularly with youth and families.

Supervision techniques such as being positive, clear and consistent with expectations. I can apply the personal/professional growth presentations to my job, home, life, people I supervise and participants I work for.

I learned new things about family systems and how to apply play therapy as a teaching tool.

How to manage stress better. I also left with a better understanding of specific disabilities.

Just reminders of why I am doing this. I left the conference feeling refreshed. I plan on being more precise in my assessments of children’s behavior.

Lots of sensory integration strategies, cultural sensitivity, behavioral approaches and strategies.

Analyzing problem behaviors and applying it in schools and home.

I will apply how to manage my staff and supervise more effectively I also learned parenting tools.

How to express your feelings and using art to express feelings.

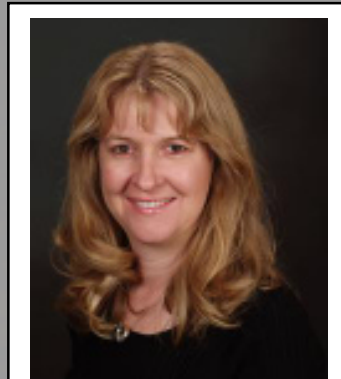
Right brain techniques with behavioral issues and autism.

More awareness of medicinal side effects.

I learned about the five languages of love and how people really like to be treated. I have always heard “treat others how you want to be treated” but no one ever gave me the info on how. It was very interesting!

There was good information on drug interactions with psychiatric meds.

How to effectively talk to my staff when in leadership positions.

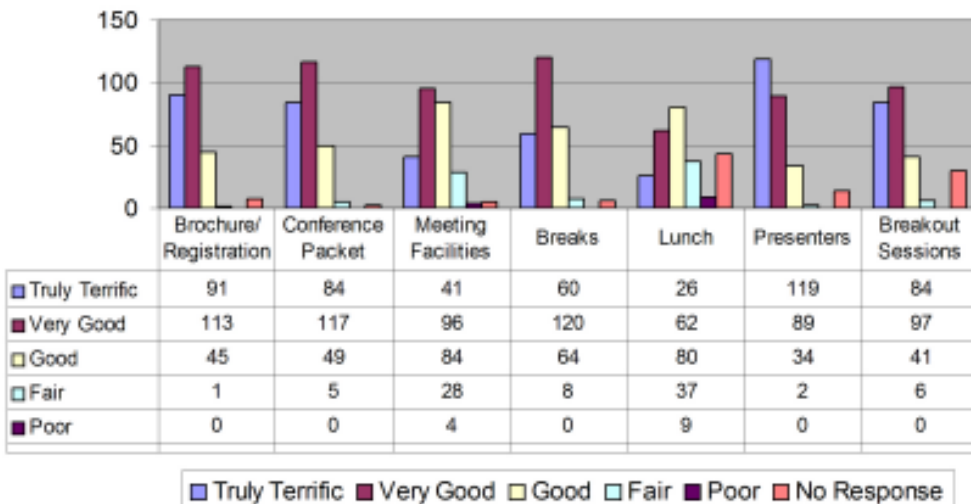


Kathi Calouri, Ph.D
“Emotional Regulation”

What speakers would you like to see in the future?

- Allen Anderson
- Dr. Cheri Atkins
- Bobby Ball
- Roberto Baraita (BSU)
- Michael Beers
- Mike Bledsoe
- Rick Boal
- Lou Brown
- Kathi Calouri
- Laurie Croft
- DAN Doctor,
- Paceplace
- Mike Day
- Aarow Ellis
- Amanda Erickson
- Charles Fay
- Dan Fisher, (National Consumer Empowerment Movement)
- Sandi Frely
- Jim Gay
- Temple Grandin
- Stanley Greenspan
- Santina Ham, (teacher, Heritage Middle School)
- Eric Hamblin
- David Hingsburger
- Lisa Horan
- Helen Kaylan Singer
- Vincent Kituku
- Jim Leavell
- Ivar Lovaas
- Jason Lowry
- Carlos Mencia
- Nancy Nadolski
- Richard Pimentel
- Lisa Robbe
- Dr. Mark Roberts
- Robin Rose
- Steve Ryan
- April Schottelkorb
- Joan Schramm
- Angie Voss
- Barry Watts
- Pamela Wolfburg

Conference arrangements:



What features stood out in the opening and closing keynotes?

"Keep Moving Forward" - great encouragement and inspirational!

Both speakers were amazing! They were good at getting us hyped up about what we therapists do.

Both were very funny and very entertaining. Lisa and Rich were both passionate and knowledgeable about the topics covered.

Closing was excellent. Richard Pimentel is an engaging speaker. He is always my favorite!

I loved the anecdotes both speakers gave with direct application to the field of disabilities.

Enthusiasm. Keeping Positive. Humor. Feeling of "We're in it together!"

Richard and Lisa are great motivators and very knowledgeable.

Both speakers were great at storytelling and used lots of excellent examples.

They were both great at audience engagement!

I enjoyed the opening keynote – using a positive approach and the "power of 3."

They spoke of the importance of continuing forward regardless of economic circumstances

They were interactive, high energy, fun, knowledgeable, down to earth and spoke in terms that were easy to understand – it was all so good!

Lisa Horan was amazing! Her presentation applied to all people in this field. Richard sparked new outlooks as well.

Lisa's ability to engage the audience made her information memorable. It was more than a lecture. The closing keynote was great, as well. Loved Lisa Horan! She was funny and passionate and had an incredibly strong message.

Opening: Focus on maintaining a balance and doing what one is good at.

Closing: Have a lot of little successes on the route to the larger goal and do not give up.

Opening: Prioritize and focus on what is important to self and organization because other tasks will drop or not be completed well.

Rich Pimentel reminded us all how important yet challenging our tasks are.

They gave me the motivation to go out and do it!

Very inspiring! Very knowledgeable, charismatic, passionate - very good!

Very positive and very well presented. They gave me motivation and encouragement.

Richard Pimentel is always awesome! I love his ever-the-optimist attitude. He is just what we need in these times.

Warm, welcoming, personal stories

What stood out the most is the fact that we are all in this profession for the same reason. And those of us that don't hopefully will now.

Working on balance in our lives. Doing something well instead of all things poorly.



"Lisa and Richard kept our interest. They were both funny and used great stories to make their point. Lisa made me excited about making goals and gave me the confidence that I can reach them."



Lisa Horan, M.A.
Opening Keynote: "Keep Moving Forward!:"

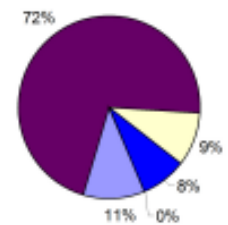


Rich Pimentel, M.A.
Closing Keynote:
"Economic Disaster Survival Guide"

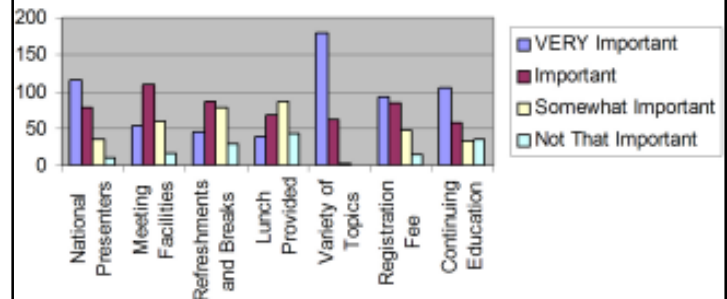
Suggestions for topics next year:

ADA - more information
Adult centered topics
Adult therapy and techniques that apply to therapy with young adults
Anger Management
ODD skill building for PSRs and Therapists
Art Therapy, Play Therapy, experiential exercises, relaxation, relationship building
Autism training, work/family balance, effective supervision
Behavior Management
Burn Out prevention
Class for beginning staff on the different developmental disabilities - how things work in the DD therapy field
Communication (PECS)
Creative arts, materials and therapy – more hands-on
Developing a PIP, IPP for DT
Down Syndrome
Info on Down's syndrome and options for Dev. Disability care
Early Childhood Education
EMDR practice and tech counseling self harming clients/ adolescents and borderline clients
Ethics
Family dynamics, fundamentals of therapy
Family therapy
Generalization suggestions for adults and modifying games for therapy
Hands-on tools to take back to the work place - kinesthetic learner
Have a class just for parents not for people who are employed in the field
Helping families do fun things with other families with special needs children.
How to keep participants and family receiving services to keep those services during cut backs.
Infant Toddler Issues SED
Infant Mental health topics
Love and Logic, Adlerian parenting
Love Languages
More about therapy tech, behavior de-escalation, resources, social stories
More autism topics. Idaho offers few opportunities to learn more.
More creative therapy stuff and sensory tools
More Dr. Day and counseling speakers
More info on bi-polar
More on de-escalation when negative or other behaviors occur
Medications and their uses and side effects
More on relationship development, emotional and social interventions (PACE)
More therapy tech (i.e. play, art, group, solution focused tech, etc)
New/obscure diagnoses, FG syndrome, symptoms, etc.
Positive Behavioral Supports

How Did You Hear About the Conference?



Importance of Conference Arrangements



4=Very Important | 3=Important | 2=Somewhat Important | 1=Not That Important

What was most important to conference participants:

Variety of Topics (3.7 out of 4)
National Presenters (3.2 out of 4)
Registration Fee (3.1 out of 4)

What was least important to conference participants:

Providing Lunch (2.4 out of 4)
Refreshments/Break (2.6 out of 4)
Meeting Facilities (2.8 out of 4)

Person-centered planning: How to do therapy in natural environments, not clinics.
Play therapy for kids with ASD, every year behavior training of some sort, RDI
PSR ideas for interacting with clients and families
Schizophrenia (by Barry Watts)
Service Coordination info
Sleep/insomnia
Specific reinforcement concepts. How to recognize if your kid has sensory issues and which ones
Start with explaining what happens along the way beginning with an individual having a disability recognized and documented by social security and other agencies.
Strengthening Families
Stress management and the power of three
Techniques for service Coordination: How to be better advocates; their role in IEP meetings and disability rights advocacy
Topics specific to Asperger's (huge population in this community)
Understanding state legislation, benefits for people with disabilities; Katie Beckett/Medicaid
Ways to organize your professional life