

# Montana Association of School Psychologists

## **2014 Fall Conference**

**“School Psychologists –Enhancing the role we play as service providers in children’s mental health”**

**Student Success: Mental Health Matters**

## **Great Northern Best Western Hotel**

835 Great Northern Boulevard

(Located in Great Northern Town Center behind Brewhouse Restaurant on Lyndale Ave.)

Helena, MT 59601

406-457-5500

October 15 - 17, 2014

## Conference Features

**Stepehn E. Brock, Ph.D., NCSP, LEP** is a Professor and the School Psychology Program Coordinator in the College of Education at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). He is the current President of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and has been a member of NASP since 1985. His involvement in NASP has included serving as a Contributing Editor to the *Communiqué* (the NASP newsletter), participating on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *School Psychology Review*, serving as a member of the National Emergency Assistance Team, and being co-chair of the PREPaRE Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training Curriculum workgroup. He is the lead editor of the NASP publication *Best Practices in School Crisis Prevention and Intervention (2nd ed.)* and lead author of *School Crisis Prevention and Intervention: The PREPaRE Model*. Dr. Brock received NASP's Presidential award in 2004 and 2006, and the Crisis Management Interest Group's Award of Excellence in 2006 and 2007.

A Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) and Licensed Educational Psychologist (LEP), Dr. Brock worked for 18 years as a school psychologist with the Lodi (CA) Unified School District (the last 6 of which included assignment as Lead Psychologist) before joining the CSUS faculty. As a school psychologist he helped to develop the district's school crisis response protocol, served on an autism specialty team, and specialized in functional behavioral assessment. His curriculum vitae lists over 230 publications and over 150 invited or refereed state/national/international conference presentations.

# Conference Features

This workshop provides critical information useful to school psychologists and other school mental health providers as we build our skills for supporting students. Participants will be able to identify the prevalence of common mental health challenges faced by school-aged youth.

Conference participants will be able to identify the consequences of mental illness on student learning; strategies for identifying mental illness among school-aged youth; and approaches for promoting mental health.

Additional skills gained from this workshop include identifying the prevalence of common traumatic stressors; understanding the basic elements of an approach to helping students cope with stressful events (PREPaRE Model of crisis intervention); and learning the unique elements of the form of crisis intervention known as suicide postvention.

With the publication of the DSM-5 and participation in this workshop, attendees will be able to identify changes to the classification system; changes to selected specific DSM-5 criteria; and understand the history, development, and controversies associated with the DSM-5.

The final piece of this workshop will allow participants to identify the characteristics of PTSD, the causes; assessment; and strategies for preventing and responding to PTSD. Special Feature –mini workshop on Wednesday evening with fellow colleagues sharing knowledge on practices that are useful and practical for meeting the mental health needs of students in our schools.

**\*\*University Students - please be advised that MASP cannot offer credits for its Fall Conference**

# Conference Schedule

## **Wednesday, October 15, 2014:**

6:00-9:00 pm “Focus group, colleague sharing – time to provide take-away ideas for using in our schools to support students with social/emotional needs”

## **Thursday, October 16, 2014:**

**7:30 – 8:30 am** Registration

**8:30 - 11:45** Welcome & Presentation Begins “Enhancing Student Success: Mental Health Matters”

**11:45 – 1:00** Buffet Luncheon (included in fees- guests \$10)\*

School Psychologist of the Year and other regional business

**1:00 – 4:00 pm** Presentation continues “Responding to Crisis: Mental Health Crisis Intervention”

**4:00 pm** Executive Board meeting  
**7:00 pm** Community connection with Dr. Brock providing keynote presentation  
– details shared at the conference

**Friday, October 17, 2014:**

**7:30 – 8:00 am** General Business Meeting  
**8:00 – 11:15 am** “What School Psychologists Need To Know About the DSM-5”  
**11:15 – 12:30 pm** Lunch on your own  
**12:30 – 3:30 pm** Presentation continues “Identifying, Assessing, and Treating PTSD at School”  
**3:30 pm** Evaluation, questions, and wrap-up  
Conference ends

## Recertification and NCSP

Office of Public Instruction recertification credit is available. 12-15 OPI Renewal Units available.

NCSP renewal CPD will be available!!

The fall conference continues to support training involving the Practice Model domains as developed by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

1 UofM graduate credit – pending (available with additional fee). Questions, call 406-268-6873

### Accommodations

Special room rates are available for conference attendees. Please call the Great Northern Hotel at 406-457-5500 **before September 24, 2014**. Rooms are being held under the block name of “MT Association of School Psychologists”. (Note that this date is earlier than the pre-registration date) **It is very important that you reserve your room by the deadline.**

Room rates: \$125.00/135.00 + tax (double/king) Includes deluxe breakfast and overnight parking.

Additional accommodation choices that are nearby include:

Wingate Inn (406) 449-3000

Holiday Inn (406) 443-2200



Please advise us at least two weeks before the workshop if you desire special accommodations for a disability.

# Conference Fees

## How do I register/pay?

1 – If paying by check or money order Download and print the **MASP Fall Registration Form**, complete the form and mail to address on the form.

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2 – Use the links below to pay via paypal (Most Credit Card Accepted). If your membership dues are not up to date please add membership dues to your cart as well. Registration fees include conference packet, buffet lunch on Thursday & daily snacks.

**Cancellation requests must be made in writing and postmarked no later than October 11, 2014. A \$15.00 processing charge will be deducted per person canceling. No refunds will be made for requests received after the deadline, but you may designate a substitute to take your place at the conference.**

## Questions?

For more information, call Rhonda Remsen at 406-771-1871 (home) or 406-268-6873 (work) or Ron Weaver at 406-439-6164

MASP is an approved NASP provider and you can earn CPD credits for renewing your NCSP by attending this conference.