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Alcohol and Substance Abuse Summit to be held in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – Substance abuse prevention and treatment professionals will gather to explore intervention, treatment and recovery options during the annual **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Summit**, Sept. 8-9, 2010, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. A pre-conference workshop on effective supervision will be held on Sept. 7. The summit is sponsored by the N.D. Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division.

The three-day event will feature numerous educational workshops hosted by in-state and nationally recognized substance abuse prevention and mental health experts. Topics include the effects of therapy, intervention and treatment strategies for adolescents, medications used in the treatment of addictions, gender specific treatments, brain injuries and addictions, and more.

“There are many different pathways to drug and alcohol recovery,” said JoAnne Hoesel, director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division. “This summit encourages participants to network and learn about new strategies and individualized solutions that create a positive environment for people in recovery.”

Nearly 230 people are registered for the event which is open to addiction and professional counselors, psychologists, prevention coordinators, educators, medical personnel, social workers, and other interested individuals.

Continuing education credits are available. Registration will be accepted at the door. For more details or a schedule of events, go to <http://conferences.und.edu/alcoholsummit/scheduleweb.cfm>.

Notable Workshop Speakers

Tuesday, Sept. 7

David Powell, Ph.D., is a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor and author. He will conduct the day long pre-conference workshop on becoming a more effective clinical supervisor.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Dr. Larry Burd, Ph.D., has studied the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure for 35 years. Dr. Burd will lead a discussion from 10:15-11:15 a.m. on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and its effect on adult substance abuse treatment.

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Wednesday, Sept. 8

Earl Beal, Ph.D., is a consultant on mental health issues related to victims of trauma who focuses on military and veteran populations. He will conduct a presentation from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on deployment psychology and will offer intervention strategies to respond to mental health and substance abuse related issues for veterans.

Pamela Sagness is a licensed addiction counselor with the Dept. of Human Services. Her 1:30-2:30 p.m. presentation titled *The Millennials are Coming* will explore the role alcohol and drugs play in today's music, technology and culture.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Lureen McNeil, MBA, has worked in the field of chemical dependency for 21 years focusing on treatment and prevention services. Her keynote address from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. will focus on developing *recovery-oriented system of care* that offers an unique person-centered approach to substance abuse recovery.

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