



Announcing the

7th Annual Vermont Collaboration Conference on Children, Youth & Families

CollaboraFantasy—Turning dreams into reality and embracing the collaborative spirit during challenging times

Friday, October 16, 2009

Killington Grand Hotel, Killington, Vermont

Register by Friday, October 2nd

Early Bird deadline September 1st



Featuring:

Keynote Address by Dr. Anthony Quintiliani

30 Workshops ~ Music ~ Art ~ Resources ~ Bookseller

Who should attend? Child and family advocates, human services workers, parents and family members, educators, state government employees, new and seasoned staff from community agencies, agency administrators and supervisors, members of the legal community and law enforcement, legislators, community leaders, business and health care professionals--anyone who wants an opportunity to engage in shared learning and support with like-minded Vermonters interested in strengthening families and communities.

This year's objectives include:

- Explore strength-based approaches to collaboration.
- Provide strategies for strengthening communities.
- Demonstrate successful models of collaboration and share key elements needed to replicate these models in Vermont communities.
- Encourage dialogue about collaborative ideas, efforts and approaches.
- Provide useful skills in collaboration practices that support children, youth, families and individuals across the lifespan.
- Emphasize the importance of child, youth and family voices in all aspects of our work.

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AGENDA

7:45 – 9:00	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Live Music, Bookseller and Resource Tables
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks Don Mandelkorn, Conference Chair Rob Hofmann, Secretary, Vermont Agency of Human Services Award Ceremony: The John D. Burchard “Spirit of Collaboration” Award
9:15 – 10:30	Keynote: Anthony Quintiliani
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	Workshop Session A
12:00 – 1:00	Luncheon Buffet
1:00 – 2:15	Workshop Session B
2:15 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:45	Workshop Session C
3:45	Adjourn



About the Keynote

The Keynote Address by Dr. Anthony R. Quintiliani will focus on how mindfulness-based personal training and regular practice impact professional as well as psychological and interpersonal capacities to collaborate with others. Mindfulness skills that improve personal ability to foster collaboration include, but are not limited to:

- Calm abdominal breathing reduces autonomic and limbic system arousal and reactivity, thus reducing emotional loss of control.
- The non-evaluative and nonjudgmental aspects for mindfulness reduce negative private speech (self-talk), which may lead to improved personal tolerance for both self and others.
- Self-calming and nonjudgmental behaviors reduce physiological stimulation and the need to act out our anger.
- Mindfulness focus—the purposeful and nonjudgmental attention to one thing in the present moment—allows improved cognitive processing and improved frontal lobe effectiveness in problem-solving and decision-making.
- Intention to the mindful in a given situation (practiced over and over again) improves brain plasticity reducing frontal lobe resistance to limbic domination in stressful conditions.
- Mindfulness meditation may enable one to feel more connected to others and improve personal compassion.

The overall integration of a mindfulness-based life stance combines all these and other factors—all supporting a more flexible, accepting and fearless view of others, thereby improving how we interact with people. In the end, emotional self-regulation improves. The presentation will focus on a brief review of research on mindfulness-based collaboration, skills practice, and discussion of the same.

Dr. Anthony R. Quintiliani holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Vermont. He is the Clinical Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at the HowardCenter. He has approximately 35 years of professional experience including public education, higher education, and more recently clinical health psychology. He has served in various clinical consulting roles and has published articles and handbooks on clinical psychology and education. He is considered an expert in psychological and organizational aspects of co-occurring disorders and the implementation of mindfulness in systems. He has presented many times at the Collaboration Conference with excellent reviews.

About the Workshops

Workshop Session A

10:45 – 12:00 noon

A1 **Mind-based Collaboration Skills**

Learn how mindfulness-based skills practice and experience can enhance the ability to engage in collaborative processes. Breathing retaining, attentional skills, and cognitive focus are tools to support improved collaboration. Practiced mindfulness enhances emotional self-regulation. The workshop will present research and skills practice in mindfulness.

Dr. Anthony Quintiliani is the Clinical Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at HowardCenter.

A2 **Randolph Community Roots Project: A Timely Collaboration**

Through narrative and experiential activities, the history of Randolph Community Roots Project, a community-based collaboration, will be shared. This innovative venture brought together a community at a traumatic time for teens and their families. The participants will engage in SafeArt activities designed to nourish the collaborative spirit and establish safe, creative methods of healing.

Kym Anderson is a member of the Orange County Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force Leadership Committee and facilitates the Randolph Community Cluster of the Task Force.

Robin Junker is the Youth Minister of Bethany United Church of Christ and a former leader of the Randolph Community Crisis Team.

Tracy Penfield is the founder and Director of SafeArt.

A3 **The Power of Circles of Support**

This workshop will explore the unique Neighborkeepers' Circle of Support process that focuses on building a collaborative community around families to assist them to identify goals and implement action plans. Empowerment through relationship in the context of caring community is a high impact, qualitatively different strategy focusing on the development of internal resources that generate long lasting and significant transformational change.

Hal Colston is the founding Director of NeighborKeepers.

A4 **The Power of Assets to Mobilize Community**

Surrounding young people in communities with a network of support is at once a challenge and a great opportunity to unify communities. Learn how the Ottauquechee Community Partnership is using the 40 Development Asset framework to unify the community around common language and a vision of support for young people.

Jacqueline Fischer is the Executive Director of Ottauquechee Community Partnership.

Nerissa Edwards is the Parent and Mentor Coordinator for Ottauquechee Community Partnership.

Jim Grossman is the Outreach Coordinator for Ottauquechee Community Partnerships.

A5 **Why Working Together in Tough Times makes a Positive Difference**

There are so many reasons for agencies to work together to help move forward during tough times. Yet, time after time what we hear is that "money is tight and agencies are pulling back." This workshop will address the question, "What is in it for me?" Also covered will be some successfully implemented tips.

Gary DeCarolis is the President and founder of the Center for Community Leadership and author of A View from the Balcony: Leadership Challenges in the Systems of Care.

A6 **VT Veterans and Family Outreach Team**

The men and women we send into harm's way as they fulfill their commitment of military service represent the families in our Vermont communities. They need the understanding of other citizens as they deal with the many pre- and post- deployment integration issues. The Outreach Team has been contacting our service members for

more than two years as part of a pilot program that our congressional delegation secured for Vermont, the only one of its kind in the country. We shall address the many services that help service members adjust to re-integrating back home, services that help with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, emotional trauma, and the many other issues that long separations from loved ones entail. Time for questions will be an essential part of this workshop.

Chaplain (RET) James MacIntyre III retired from the Vermont National Guard in 2001 and is responsible for leading the Vermont Veterans Outreach Team.

Lynn Bedell, also retired from the Vermont National Guard, has been member of the Outreach Team since its inception.

A7 Parent Involvement: Engaging “All Families”, Strategies Tried and True

Come learn what is currently taking place in schools to involve families in their children's education. Six different types of typical parent involvement and what it can/should include will be examined. Barriers to implementing these strategies as well as solution will be discussed and parent friendly resources shared. This is an interactive workshop where audience participation is encouraged.

Kathleen Kilbourne is the Director of the Vermont Parent Information and Resource Center.

Dr. Jay Morris is the School-Based Parent Involvement for the Vermont Parent Information and Resource Center.

Gayle DiMais also works for the Vermont Parent Information and Resource Center as the Family-Focused Parent Involvement Coordinator.

A8 Getting What They Deserve

Many of us work to address the holistic needs of individuals whose conditions result in impaired decision-making or functioning and are involved or at risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system. This workshop will take a brief look at the critical elements in Criminal Justice Capable System of Care—a creative and interdisciplinary approach designed to organize programs and services to foster and utilize an integrated and community-oriented approach when considering the interface between the criminal justice, judicial, health and human service systems.

Karen Gennette is the Vermont Treatment Court Coordinator.

Barbara Cimaglio is Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health, Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program.

Susan Onderwyzer is Program Services Executive for the Department of Corrections.

Patricia W. Singer is the Director of Adult Mental Health Services, Department of Mental Health.

Scott Johnson is the Director of Field Services, Agency of Human Services

A9 To Medicate or Not--Basic Information to Help Make the Decision

Fundamental principles underlying the use of medications for emotional/behavioral treatments and questions to ask of the prescriber to aid in making a decision about using this form of therapy will be discussed. Participants are encouraged to ask specific questions to the make material meaningful to their own situations.

Dr. Bill McMains is a child and adolescent psychiatrist currently working for the Department of Mental Health as the Medical Director.

A10 The Arts Bus Project, bringing arts education to rural communities in Vermont.

The Arts Bus gives arts education in Central Vermont a boost by transforming a school bus into a classroom, providing on-board instruction in the arts to youth. This workshop will describe the collaborative effort behind The Arts Bus Project and the rural arts education issues the project attempts to solve. Weather permitting, the workshop will take place inside the Arts Bus so participants can get a glimpse of what students experience.

Barbara Smith, the Coordinator for the Arts Bus, serves on a number of community panels to promote arts education in rural communities.

Betsy Cantlin is the liaison from the Chandler Center for the Arts to school, businesses, and communities.

Andrea Easton is the White River Craft Center Outreach Coordinator.

Workshop Session B

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

- B1 It's Not My Job: Using Collaboration to Promote a Happy and Successful Work Environment**
Participate in low ropes course activities led by trained facilitators. Learn how collaborating with co-workers can improve the outcome of tasks, as well as promote a happier and more successful work environment. Identify your own barriers to collaboration and develop a goal around becoming more open and flexible. Casual dress recommended.
- Annie Brustkern works as part of an educational team that uses both experiential and traditional education approaches for adolescents in residential care.*
- Lisa Babbitt trains direct care staff to implement counseling techniques for at risk-teens. She is certified in high ropes course facilitation.*
- Allie Graft supervises direct care staff and collaborates with all departments with the organization. Allie is a certified high and low ropes course facilitator.*
- Annie, Lisa, and Allie are all employed by Eckerd Youth Alternatives.*
- B2 Youth Intervention with Indigenous Populations**
When generational traumas such as genocide, oppression, residential schools, boarding schools, sexual abuse, suicide, addictions and delayed grief are not healed by individuals, the effects of unresolved trauma and grief are carried into the next generation. The focus of this presentation is working with that next generation, helping youth have a voice and understand the effects of trauma and the necessary steps for healing and reconnecting with the strength of culture and the resiliency of their people. In addition, Phil will discuss a model of community intervention developed by Jane Middleton-Moz that stresses the importance of understanding the impact of historical trauma, of collaboration with community leadership and health providers, empowerment, and working with adults and youth together in order to rebuild healthy communities.
- Phil Wells is the director of Individualized Services for Washington County Mental Health Services and is a youth team leader in healing workshops directed by Jane Middleton-Moz.*
- Tiffany Hubbard is currently the director of the Tapas program and has recently been a youth leader in the healing workshops directed by Jane Middleton-Moz.*
- B3 Clear, Constructive Feedback-The Key to Individual and Team Success!**
Clear, constructive feedback is essential for building responsive environments with children, youth, staff and families. It builds trusting relationships, competencies, and productive teams while reducing conflict. This session provides a describes a process for giving and receiving feedback and why it is essential for high-performing teams and provides participants with practical, proven tools while having fun.
- Jack Russell, President of the Center for Self-Sustaining Leadership, is a leader, mentor, author and educator with a wide range of practical experience in leadership and organization development.*
- B4 Improving Educational Stability and Outcomes for Children and Youth in the Custody of the State**
The Washington County Breakthrough Collaborative for Educational Stability for Youth in Foster Care will bring new and exciting results from this ongoing initiative that has dramatically improved educational continuity for youth in foster care. A brief overview of the Breakthrough Model for Change will be followed by a dialogue between workshop presenters and participants exploring ideas for bringing this success to their communities.
- Shaun Donahue is the System of Care Manager with the Department for Children and Families, Family Services Division.*
- Nancy Thomas is Assistant Superintendent and Director of Special Programs for the Washington Central Supervisory Union.*
- Joan Rock is the Resource Coordinator for the Barre district office, Family Services Division.*
- Kathy Blakely is a Case Manager for Washington County Mental Health Services.*

- B5 Community Organizing: Bridging Partnerships and Collaboration for Effective Outreach**
Community organizing is a process through which communities are helped to identify common problems or goals, mobilize resources, and develop and implement strategies for reaching the goals they collectively have set. In this workshop participants will look at the 3 phases of community organization: planning your outreach, 2) researching and defining the issues, and 3) organizing techniques and strategies with examples. Participants will leave with a personal goal plan for next steps in community organizing.
- Jo Romano, of Jo Romano Associates, is a professional leadership and community coach, trainer, and certified substance abuse prevention consultant.*
- B6 Operation Military Kids**
Operation Military Kids' aim is to educate Vermont communities on the unique experiences and challenges of military life, its impact on families and to provide positive opportunities for youth. Participants will learn the dynamics of the deployment cycle and how it affects military families. Discussion will include opportunities to create communities of support, collaborations with community partners including schools, and how to incorporate military families into existing community resources.
- Deborah Alden is the Coordinator for Operations Military Kids through the University of Vermont, 4-H Extension.*
- Joyce Cloutier is the Youth Coordinator for Military Families Community Network and a partner with Operations Military Kids as well as being the Family Assistance Specialist for Central Vermont.*
- B7 Engaging Families and Communities: Promising Trends in Vermont Child Welfare**
This workshop will focus on strategies used by Vermont Family Services to develop and strengthen partnerships among families, neighbors, community members, and service providers to protect and nurture children and other family members. These include Family Group Conferencing and Family Safety Planning.
- Sarah Gallagher worked for 15 years in various child welfare jobs before coming to the University of Vermont to coordinate the Child Welfare Training Partnership.*
- Sarah Ward has been training and consulting in the Vermont child welfare system for 12 years.*
- Jill Richard has worked in anti-domestic and sexual violence movement for 14 years in a variety of capacities including several years at the Department for Children and Families as a casework consultant and program coordinator.*
- B8 The Co-Location of Substance Abuse Treatment staff in the Family Services Investigations and Assessment Unit: Lessons Learned and Promising Practices.**
This workshop will provide an overview of the co-location of substance abuse treatment staff in the Burlington District Family Services' office, one of the subcomponents of the Lund Family Center and Burlington Family Services Regional Partnership Grant. In addition, the presenters will discuss implementation of the co-location project, barriers and how they were addressed, policy and practice review, lessons learned, outcomes and project data.
- Cynthia Hennard is the Substance Abuse Treatment Program Coordinator for the Lund Family Center and a manager of the Regional Partnership Grant.*
- Dave Elin supervises the Investigations and Assessment Unit in the Burlington District Family Services' office and a manager of the Regional Partnership Grant.*
- B9 The Pivotal Role of Information, Referral and Assistance Services in Supporting a Collaborative Human Services Delivery System in Vermont**
In this interactive workshop, participants will experience the broad range of inquiries handled by Vermont 2-1-1 and major partners in the state's Information, Referral & Assistance (IR&A) network. IR&A systems strive to support a seamless delivery of human services and collect data to track service usage and gaps. Examples of collaborative partnerships and tools will be provided.

Cathy Nellis, Vermont 211 Call Staff Manager & Trainer, will lead a panel to include representatives from the United Way Working Bridges Program, the Vermont Family Network, the Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection, Food and Fuel Partnership, and the Military Family and Community Network.

B10 Aha! Adaptive Horses and Arts: A Therapeutic Riding and Arts Collaborative

This workshop provides an introduction to the successful collaboration between VSA arts of Vermont and Champlain Adaptive Mounted Program (CHAMP). The project gives children of all abilities tools, through the arts, to define for themselves the growth they make and the important relationships they have with horses and people in a therapeutic riding context.

Peggy Rainville, Program Director for VSA Arts of Vermont, has combined her love of the horse and arts in the creating of the Aha! Program.

Dr. Mary Willmuth is a licensed psychologist with a specialty in rehabilitation psychology. She is also the Vice-President of the Board for Champlain Adaptive Mounted Program and a NAHRA Registered Instructor.

Workshop Session C

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

C1 What's Our Story? What's Our Dream? Understanding the Transformative Power of Personal Story using Action Methods

This workshop will be highly experiential. Through learning different techniques of improvisational theater including sociometry, theater games and Playback Theatre, participants will create a toolbox for building trust and supporting individuals experiencing difficulties. We will explore the transformative power of story and experience a sampling of different improvisational techniques and engage in group process, having the chance to share personal stories. Discussion will support integrating the material presented into participants work.

Jen Kristel teaches about Playback and other forms of expressive art therapy locally and internationally and is in private practice.

Michael Watson is a shamanic practitioner, teacher, and mental health clinician who studied with traditional healers and Elders from whom he learned much about the healing powers of stories.

C2 Using the Film "Shout it Out" in Schools and Youth Centers to Raise Voice and Start Important Conversations

"Shout it Out" is the groundbreaking movie that has toured Vermont based on the lives of Vermont teenagers. The stories in the film come from 8 months of research with more than 1000 Vermont teens--the stories in the film are real and powerful. An extensive study guide has been created to be used with the film in schools and youth centers. Participants will hear the stories about creating the film with youth, how it has empowered youth voice, how to use the film in schools to raise consciousness and start conversations, and how to create your own "Shout it Out" in your schools or youth centers.

Bess O'Brien is a film and theater director and producer at Kingdom County Productions and has produced "The Voices Project".

Annalise Shelmandine and Ryan Howland are cast members of the film.

C3 Motivating Behavior Change and Effective Case Planning

Motivating true behavior change that results in effective case planning and implementation is a collaborative process guided by the youth or families. This workshop will introduce participants to motivational interviewing strategies and will provide an understanding of the stages of change. These evidence-based practice models are integrated together to direct a team in effective case planning strategies youth and families.

Stacy Jolles, the Director of Youth Justice for Family Services, Department for Children and Families, has been working statewide to enhance juvenile probation practice, detention and treatment by implementing evidence-based practices and solutions.

C4 Regional Planning for Vermont's Youth in Transition Grant

Stakeholders including youth/young adults and their families have been engaged in strategic planning in each of the Agency of Human Services districts in Vermont to design system and service improvements for Youth in Transition (aged 16-21, inclusive). This workshop will highlight the collaborative planning processes used in two of the twelve regions. The workshop will be delivered with the help and input of young adults who have been involved in state and regional planning.

Brenda Bean has served as Program Director for each of Vermont's three Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) Grants from SAMHSA: Access Vermont, Children's Upstream Services (CUPS), and now Youth in Transition.

Sue Buckley is an organizational development consultant with Brown, Buckley, Tucker and was formerly employed with Health Care and Rehabilitation Services in Children's Services and with Department of Mental Health, Developmental Services.

Lorna Mattern is Children's Mental Health Director for United Counseling Services of Bennington County.

C5 Vermont Folklife Center on Refugee Communities in Vermont: Challenge and Opportunity

This workshop will offer an overview of refugee resettlement and outline partnerships with refugee artists and communities. A refugee's perspective on appropriate ways to reach out refugee communities will be discussed and the creation of the "In Their Own Words" described. Attendees will leave with a greater awareness of refugee culture and communities in Vermont as well as practical ideas for ways in which they might become involved.

Dr. Gregory Sharrow directs Vermont Folklore Center research and outreach programs that engage refugee artists and document refugee cultures.

Ramiz Mujkanovic is a baker and mason who came to Vermont as a refugee from the war in Bosnia and lives with his family in Williamstown.

Ned Castle is a photographer/ethnographer who created the "In Their Own Words" exhibit which will be displayed at the conference.

C6 Making a Difference: Working Together to Have a Positive Impact on Families and Children Affected by Incarceration

This interactive workshop will focus on local initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for children who have or had a parent in prison. Workshop will highlight strategies to improve collaboration among and across agencies. Specific examples from the field will be discussed. The Children's Bill of Rights will provide a framework to discuss interventions that are working well.

Jessica Greene is serving as an Americorps Vista member with Kids-A-Part Program.

Colleen Dwyer is the Kids-A-Part Community Coordinator working with youth impacted by incarceration and with caregivers of children whose parents are incarcerated.

C7 Building State Capacity for Parents with Disabilities in Vermont

Over the past decade, Vermont has built supports for parents with disabilities to raise their children successfully at home. Six different programs or initiatives have resulted in an emerging comprehensive system of support. This workshop will present outcomes, lessons learned, and directions for the future.

Susan Yuan is a parent of a son with disabilities and co-directs the Green Mountain Family Support 360 Project.

Sheila Duranleau is the Policy and Operations Manager of the Department for Children and Family, Family Services Division.

Hilde Hyde is a parent of a son with disabilities who works for the Vermont Family Network and a Communication Support Specialist for the Vermont Communication Support Project.

C8 The Central Vermont Community Response Team / Sierra House: Services for Women in Recovery and Their Families

This presentation will outline how the needs of the community are supported by programs developed in collaboration with community resources and services. We will describe the efforts of our programs to identify and respond to the unique needs and perspectives of our clients.

Mindy Parisi is the Maternal and Child Care Coordinator for Central Vermont Medical Center. She helped to develop the Central Vermont Community Response Team (CVCRT), which provide wrap-around services for pregnant and parenting women in recovery.

Marcy Couillard is the case manager and service coordinator for the CVCRT and program coordinator for the Sierra House.

Emily Smith provides social support for the women in recovery as well as modeling recovery and parenting skills.

C9 Making Your Social Security Benefits Work for You

This workshop will cover basic eligibility guidelines for Social Security Disability programs with a special focus on work incentives and special provisions for individuals participating in vocational/educational programs. This workshop will also describe existing benefits counseling programs for individuals with disabilities as a result of a collaboration of Social Security, Vermont VocRehab, and the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

Jim Pontbriand is the Social Security Area Work Incentive Coordinator for Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and part of Massachusetts and a professional SSA trainer.

Peter Burt is the Program Coordinator for VocRehab's Vermont's Work Incentive Initiative.

Helen Johnke is the Benefits to Work Specialist for the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

C10 Beyond Words: Healing Inspired by the Human-Animal Bond

The brain chemistry humans and animals trigger in each other also has a profound effect on emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being. Explore the multifaceted field of Animal Assisted Therapy and discover how working with animals can support trauma-informed treatment while inspiring the courage to heal.

Kelly and Kevin Perline support youth at the Jean Garvin School, teach courses in experiential counseling strategies, and own and operate Laughing Crow Ranch Experiential Growth Center.

Ikkuma and Sura Perline are therapy dogs.

About the Bookseller

"Everyone's Books" of Brattleboro, Vermont will be the official conference bookseller. Participants will be able to review and purchase resources that are relevant to the theme of this year's conference. Purchase orders, checks, credit cards, and cash accepted.

Don't miss this opportunity to build your personal or professional library!

2009 Vermont Collaboration Conference Planning Committee Members:

Jesilyn Amsden, Conference Assistant
Karen Crowley, Vermont Department of Health, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs
Michael Curtis, Washington County Mental Health Services
Betsy Graziadei, New England Counseling & Trauma Center
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Sonia Rae, Vermont Arts Council
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Katherine Simonson, HowardCenter
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Phil Wells, Washington County Mental Health Services

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Workshops Chosen:

Workshop Session A:	1 st Choice: _____	2 nd Choice: _____
Workshop Session B:	1 st Choice: _____	2 nd Choice: _____
Workshop Session C:	1 st Choice: _____	2 nd Choice: _____



Directions: The Killington Grand is located at the junction of Routes 4 and 100 North in Sherburne, 11 miles east of Rutland. From the Killington sign on Route 4, across from Bill's Country Store, drive 3.6 miles up the Killington Road. Turn left at the Killington Grand sign and then bear right as you pass the Mountain Inn and the Mountain Green. Killington Grand is on the right. Telephone number is 802-422-5001 or toll-free: 1-888-644-7263



Call for Nominations

*The 2009 John D. Burchard
"Spirit of Collaboration" Award*

The Vermont Collaboration Conference Planning Committee is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for the 2009 John D. Burchard "Spirit of Collaboration" Award.

This award, established in 2003 by the 1st Vermont Collaboration Conference Planning Committee, recognizes an individual or team who best exemplifies the "Spirit of Collaboration" on behalf of children, youth and families. The first award was presented to John D. Burchard, Ph.D., in honor of his lifelong commitment to children, youth and families. John passed away a few months after receiving his award, and the 2004 Collaboration Conference Planning Committee renamed the award to honor his memory.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees must be an individual or team who:

- has contributed substantial long-term services to his/her community or the State of Vermont; and
- whose work is characterized by collaboration among community stakeholders; and
- whose work has resulted in benefits to children, youth and families.

Nomination Instructions

Nominations, in the form of a letter, must be received by the close of business on **Friday, August 21**. Please be brief, but include enough information to help the committee make the selection. Include the nominee's name, address, phone number, and e-mail. Send your nomination to Phil Wells, Conference Planning Committee Member, at philw@wcmhs.org.



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CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

7:45 – 9:00 REGISTRATION (upper lobby) with live welcoming music in the Oscar Wilde Ballroom by the Rochester School Band									
9:00 – 10:30 WELCOME, KEYNOTE, AWARD CEREMONY									
10:30 – 10:45 BREAK									
10:45 – 12:00 WORKSHOP SESSION A									
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12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH									
1:00 – 2:15 WORKSHOP SESSION B									
B1 Happy & Successful Work Environment	B2 Youth Interventions w Indigenous Populations	B3 Clear, Constructive Feedback	B4 Educational Stability	B5 Community Organizing	B6 Operation Military Kids	B7 Engaging Families & Communities	B8 Co- Location of Substance Abuse Treatment	B9 Information Referral & Assistance	B10 Aha! Adaptive Horses & Arts
2:15 – 2:30 BREAK									
2:30 – 3:45 WORKSHOP SESSION C									
C1 What's Our Story?	C2 Shout It Out	C3 Motivating Behavior Change	C4 Youth In Transition	C5 VT. Folklife Center	C6 Children Affected by Incarceration	C7 Parents with Disabilities	C8 Central Vermont Community Response Team	C9 Social Security	C10 Beyond Words
3:45 ADJOURN									

Registration Instructions and Other Important Information

- **Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 2nd
 - **Registration:** \$80 Early Bird Rate--Registration Postmarked by Sept. 1st
\$90 Registration Postmarked After September 1st
- 2 Ways to Register (checks must be sent by mail for all registrations)
- Preferred Method: Register on-line by clicking [here](#)
- Or mail registration form and check to Collaboration Conference, Diane Robie, 371 Fisher Rd, Orwell, VT 05760.
- **Payment:** Make checks payable to: "Collaboration Conference" and indicate on the check who is registering.
Important! If you need to wait for your agency's business office to process a check, we strongly suggest you register and note payment has been requested. We will hold your spot while waiting for payment to arrive. Encourage your business office to send the payment promptly. Invoices will not be sent. Use your registration form to request payment.
NOTE: If payment is not received from your agency by the date of the conference, you will be expected to pay at the door!
 - **Confirmation:** If you provide an e-mail address, you will receive confirmation of your registration by e-mail. Confirmation letters will not be sent.
 - **Cancellations:** If you find you must cancel, please notify Diane as soon as possible at collaboration@robie.info or 802-948-2435. Sorry, no refunds for cancellations received after October 2nd. You will be required to pay the registration fee if you do not cancel by October 2nd regardless of whether or not you attend.
 - **Continuing Education Units:** CEU Credit hours are being requested for: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Psychologists, and Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors and other Allied Mental Health Professionals. Attendance certificates will be available at the end of the conference day for all participants.
 - **Scholarships:** A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available. Priority given to family members. Scholarships must be pre-approved. To inquire, contact Diane Robie at 802-948-2435 or email collaboration@robie.info
 - **Special Needs:** The Killington Grand is handicapped accessible, and lunch will include vegetarian options. If you need any special accommodations, please contact us. Sign language interpreters must be requested no later than Friday, September 19th. Contact Diane Robie at 802-948-2435 or email collaboration@robie.info.
 - **Lodging:** Since this is a one-day conference, lodging is not included. You should contact the hotel directly for lodging information if needed. Mention the conference to get the special rate of \$95 plus tax.
 - **Display tables:** A limited number of display tables will be available for an additional fee. One half of an 8' x 3' table space can be purchased for \$25. Full tables can be purchased for \$40. To request a display table, check the box on the registration form. We will fill all available display table spaces on a first come, first served basis. E-mail confirmations will be sent; if no more tables are available, your display table payment will be returned to you.
 - **Questions:** Call Conference Coordinator Diane Robie at 802-948-2435 or e-mail collaboration@robie.info.
 - **Brochure:** Download the conference brochure <http://robie.info>.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: October 2nd

RATES: Early Bird Rate: \$80.00. After Sept. 1st: \$90.00.

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Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

I am a: (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse/Prevention Professional |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the legal community/GAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care/after school provider |

Workshop Choices: Please list 1 st and 2 nd choices for each session; every effort will be made to assign your 1 st choice. Some workshops have limited space. Registering early will increase the likelihood of getting your 1 st choice.	Workshop Session:	A	B	C
	1st Choice:			
	2nd Choice:			

Display Table (optional): Tables will be assigned on a first come/first served basis (see Instructions).

- I am interested in hosting half a display table at the conference for an additional payment of \$25.
- I am interested in hosting a full display table at the conference for an additional payment of \$40.
- I would like electricity (\$25) for my table.

FEES:	
Registration Fee: Early Bird Rate (postmarked by 9/1) \$80.00 After Sept. 1 st \$90.00	\$
Vendor Table Fee(s) (if requested, see above):	\$
TOTAL:	\$

Method of Payment:

- Check enclosed (payable to “Collaboration Conference” – please indicate on the check who is registering)
- Check coming from my agency's Business Office to arrive by October 2, 2009
- I am a Presenter/Committee Member

MAIL check
to arrive by October 2nd to:

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