

South Dakota RehabACTion
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“AIM HIGH—HUNTING FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!”

Fall Conference 2009

October 13-15

Crossroads Hotel

Huron, SD

REGISTRATION FORM INSIDE



KEYNOTE & PRIMARY PRESENTERS



Geri Jewell is best known to millions as “Cousin Geri” from the ground-breaking NBC sitcom, “The Facts of Life.” She is now featured as the character Jewel in the HBO hit series, “Deadwood”. The “Young and the Restless” has also invited Geri to be part of their cast and you can see her as Rosey on this daytime show.

Geri started her acting career as the personal choice of famed producer Norman Lear for her role as Cousin Geri. With this role she became the first person with a visible disability to become a regular performer on a national television show. During her long run on the show she broke important new ground by addressing issues of disability awareness.

Geri is not only an exceptional actress and comedienne, but also a powerful motivational speaker and trainer. She is famous for her uncanny ability to captivate the hearts of audiences by using humor to facilitate attitude changes. Geri brings to her presentations personal experience of having her behavior and actions misunderstood because of her cerebral palsy. By sharing her disability as her greatest blessing, and revealing insights about the world, Geri turns the focus from disabilities to a true celebration of ability, resulting in an inspiring, empowering and healing experience.

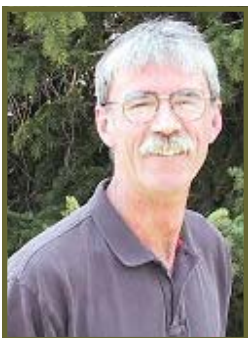


Dr. Thom Flamboe began his work in Aberdeen, South Dakota in the fall of 1982 when he moved from Laramie, Wyoming.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Thom has degrees from Eastern Michigan University, the University of Wyoming, Northern State University, and the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Thom has worked with children, parents, and families since 1970 in a variety of roles.

He has received several awards for his work including “Outstanding Alumni of the Year” from Eastern Michigan University and “The Best Storyteller in the Dakotas” at the Dakota Storytelling Festival. He is an active member of the Aberdeen Community Theater. He is also a Senior Olympian Gold Medalist and a two state record holder in cycling. His book “Can You Fix Him? Adventures in Child Therapy” has recently been published. He is currently working on his new book titled “Peanut Butter, Self-Esteem, and other Blue Light Specials”.

Dr. Flamboe’s presentations at the Fall Conference are based on his 30 plus years of work with parents, children, teachers and other professionals. His presentations are both humorous and inspiring. His presentations will focus on better understanding and working with the Y Generation and the risks that we must take as we grow through life.



Roger Shelley has been associated with the employment of people with disabilities for the past 19 years, both as a direct service worker, and a project director and trainer. He has experience in all phases of competitive employment, including self employment, and has worked with a wide variety of disability groups.

Roger’s presentations will address:

- Strategic Planning for Providers
- How to Discuss Accommodations with Employers for Successful Employment
- Strategies to Prepare Job Seekers with Disabilities to be more Independent in Representing Themselves in the Employment Process



Charlotte Denny-Henley is a veteran educator, facilitator, trainer, and presenter. She has spent years living in Canada and the US sharing her knowledge and insights on active healthy living, building healthy community groups, and releasing organization's ingenuity.

Charlotte's vast life discoveries have presented her with more ideas than she knows what to do with! For this reason, she has always found it hard to focus on one thing, and of course in business, you are told to niche market. Instead of niche marketing, she was forever evolving into new areas, always enjoying the discoveries. As she transitions into a solo-entrepreneur, she feels the urgency to declare her specialty, yet grateful for her broad knowledge base.

Charlotte's presentation at the Fall Conference titled "Hunt for the Best and Aim High" will use current research on self-fulfilling prophecy and positive psychology, which highlights the dangers of limiting beliefs and the power of the champion within. Her other presentation titled "Discovering True Colors" is a utilizing a personality assessment tool that is fun, quick and easy to implement. Participants will expand their knowledge and ability to identify personal strengths, and talents that reveal appropriate directions for development and employment for your consumers.

Mrs. Denny-Henley's presentations reflect Strength Based and Interactive Approaches. They capitalize on personal and organizational strengths, competencies and resources and are highly dependent on group interactions.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS



A variety of presenters and topics will occur at the conference. Following is a list of presenters and their topics.

- ❖ **Dr. Lynn Yexley** - *Working with Individuals who Have Self-Injurious Behaviors*
- ❖ **Region VIII TACE - Deborah Whitehead** - *Rehabilitation Ethics and Bridges out of Poverty*
- ❖ **Patrick Crotty Jr.** - *Finding Jobs with the Federal Government and Using Schedule A*
- ❖ **Provider Panel** - *Strategies for Providers to Include Ticket to Work*
- ❖ **Steve Rounds** - *Career Cruising*

JOIN US FOR THE SOCIAL ON OCTOBER 13TH STARTING AT 6:00PM

DOOR PRIZES

PROVIDER AWARDS!!! Recognition to RehabACTion providers who have demonstrated outstanding employment opportunities and outstanding leadership and development.

SUMO WRESTLING!!! Come down and unwind with friends and co-workers at this "action-packed" social. You don't want to miss this one!



