



Girl Connection

FORTHOSE WHO SERVE ADOLESCENT FEMALES
IOWA GENDER-SPECIFIC SERVICES TASK FORCE / FEBRUARY 2004

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Whispers & Screams are hard to hear: Creating an Audience for Girls' Voices is an annual conference sponsored by the Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force. Previous *Whispers & Screams* programs and the discussion they generated helped to define what it means to provide equal services for girls "at-risk" or involved with the juvenile justice system, by recognizing that their needs are different from those of boys. It has brought girls' voices and experiences to the forefront.

The theme of the 2004 conference, *Passages*, will bring together forward-thinking individuals who are committed to comprehensive system change that makes gender equity for girls a priority. Towards that end, this year's *Whispers and Screams* will provide the following keynote presentations and workshops for those interested in understanding and assisting girls negotiating life's passages.

Thursday Keynote - Ruth Herman Wells, Youth Change

An unflinching look at the world that awaits girls. In times of economic struggle, services to girls are often among the first slashed and the last restored. This keynote will take a candid look at what it takes to help troubled girls in today's troubled times.

Friday Keynote - Howard Snyder, National Center for Juvenile Justice

Review of national statistics describing the flow of females into, through and out of the juvenile justice system as well as current research describing the characteristics of offenders. This national portrait will be compared with that of girls moving through the system in Iowa.

Workshops

Can You Name the #1 Girls Problem? - Sexual abuse and incest may be the biggest problem affecting troubled young females. Essential strategies for serving these girls.

Gender-Specific Programming 101 - Interactive nuts and bolts workshop. Serving girls means more than painting the bathroom pink and taking out the urinal!

Wellness: Tools for Empowering Girls - Wellness is a state of total well being. Assessment and application within the context of gender-responsive programming.

A Holistic Approach to Gender-Responsive Programming for Girls - Developmental domains of adolescence, strategies and concrete program ideas.

Girls and Meaningful Community Involvement - How to keep girls interested, involved and wanting to give back to their community.

Gender-Proficient Strategies - Clever, attention-grabbing approaches designed especially for girls. Surprising and colorful methods to give you targeted, gender-proficient tools.

What Choices Will She Make? - Learn techniques to help young women develop better money management skills to provide for financial security in adult life.

Song of the Soul: Women's Spirituality - Explore patterns of spiritual growth and identify feminine spiritual gifts. How to provide appropriate structure for voluntary spiritual exploration.

The Musicology of Rape - Insights into today's music and video devaluation of women. Learn to use music and other media to increase self-esteem in young women.

Undeniable Connection between Child Maltreatment & Delinquency: Unique Implications for Girls - Review of current data trends, recent federal legislation, programs and practices that serve girls.

Mothers and Daughters - Challenges and potential of the mother daughter relationship. How does this relationship change and evolve over time.

It's Not About You, It's About You - Separate your own issues from the girls' issues.

Isis Institute: Cultural Exploration for African American Girls - A rites of passage program that is both gender-based and culturally responsive.

Teen Sexuality and its Consequences in 2004 - Hear from teen sexuality professionals and teens themselves about sex and its consequences.

Community Planning: Take the Initiative - How to start your own initiative: advocating for girls in local planning efforts.

Making Room for Aunt Flow: Transforming Girls Experiences of the Menstrual Cycle - Leave equipped to help girls integrate the menstrual cycle into a holistic understanding of becoming a woman.

In Their Own Words: What Young Women Coming Out as Lesbian or Bisexual Need from You - Interactive, multi-media presentation about girls sexual identities. Creating affirming communities.

Transitions: Understanding Ethnic Identity Development in Latinas - Explore several ethnic identity development models and their relevance for Latinas.

Girls: Now that You have Them, What do You do with Them? - Establish alignment with girls and learn to support the relationship aspect of girls' development in your program.

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