Challenge of Children
Conference
May 14, 2015

Hope College in Holland, MI
www.ChallengeofChildren.org

FREE
1 day conference
for Parents & Caregivers

The Challenge of Children conference is dedicated to informing, motivating, offering support and networking opportunities on child development, child guidance and other challenges related to parenting.

Registration

• **Required before May 11**
• Sessions held throughout campus.
• Comfortable shoes, jacket and umbrella are suggested.
• Childcare will not be provided.

**Online registration is recommended**

Donations are also accepted online.
www.ChallengeofChildren.org

Conference qualifies childcare providers for up to 4 hrs of training. Training records will be available at the conference.

Schedule

8:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Check-In
Hope College Maas Center
264 Columbia Ave

8:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Agency Exhibits
Hope College Maas Center

9:15 a.m.– 10:45 a.m.

Keynote Address
Dr. Mary Bigler
Living with Pizzazz
Dimnent Chapel
(Doors close at 9:15)

11:00 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

Session 1 Workshops

A Lunch

12:30 p.m.

B Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Session 2 Workshops

1:45 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Workshop Choices:

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Mail registration form and donations to:
Robin Lyons, Challenge of Children
Allegan County Juvenile Center
2243 33rd Street, Allegan, MI 49010

No fax or phone registrations accepted.

Workshop Descriptions at
www.ChallengeofChildren.org

Registration Form

(Please Print)

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City __________________________ State _______ Zip _______

Daytime phone: (_____) ____________ County __________

Email: ______________________________

☐ No Lunch

Downtown Dining Guide

☐ Buffet Lunch ($11.00)

Registrations sent in the same envelope will be given the same lunch time. Otherwise, lunch times will be assigned.

Registration Deadline: May 11, 2015

Thank you!

The Challenge of Children conference is funded solely by contributions. Your donation helps ensure continuation of this annual community event. If registering by mail, please make checks payable to Challenge of Children.

Donation Amount: __________________
1. A Healthy Summer for Your Kids
   Andrea Lape, RD

2. Understanding the Abandoned and Adopted Heart
   Rev. Lori Jo Schepers

3. Strengthening Families
   Colleen Macy, MA

4. The Red Flags of Adolescent Sexuality
   Anna Clawson, MSW, MA
   Dan LeMaitre, MSW, ACSW

5. Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma
   Julie M. McGowan, LMSW

6. From School to Adult Life: Transition Planning for Students with a Disability
   Peggy Fakier, BA
   Krista Krefer-Freder, MA

7. Safe Families for Children: Loving Children and Supporting Parents
   Laura Dismoll, MAC

8. The Period of PURPLE Crying: Understanding Infant Crying
   Leigh Moerdyke, LMSW, CPS-M

9. The Unique Challenges of Homeless Children
   Linda Bazan, Sharon Benner, Lynette Brander,
   Judy Bruurma, Linda Laird, Anjuli Snelar and John Vega

10. Creating a World of Words at Home
    Lindsay Sichta, MA

11. Preventing Overweight/Obesity in Children
    Lisa Uganski, RD and Amy Sheehy

12. Individualized Education Programs
    Mark King, M. Ed.

13. Creating Strategic Readers in the Secondary Classroom
    Dr. Mary Bigler

14. Understanding Child Development from Ages 0-3
    Michele Bishop, BASW

15. Character Strengths for Academic Success
    Phil Nielsen, LMSW

16. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports for the Home
    Rylee Beauvais, LMSW
    Pam Land, LMSW

17. Emerging Drug Trends
    Stephanie VanDerKooi, MPH, CPS-M
    Heidi Denton, MSW, CPS-M

18. Living in an Instant Access World
    Steve Sedore

19. Understanding the Fundamentals of Autism Spectrum Disorders
    Whitney Mitchel Krusnick, M.Ed., ABD

20. ABA therapy for ASD? What’s the buzz all about?
    Zach Dugger, MA, BCBA, LLP

21. Bullying Prevention for Parents and Caregivers
    Holly Tiel, BA Child Development

22. Beyond “Bad Behavior”: Understanding Adolescent Behavior and Emotional Problems
    Joshua Bishop, MSW

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Contributors:

- Great Start to Quality Western Regional Resource Center
- Hope College
- Macatawa Area Express (MAX)
- Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
- Ottawa County Department of Public Health
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