

Gentle Teaching Events and Schedule

Management, Motivation & Meaningful Lives

A one-day conference presented by Michigan Assisted Living Association and the MORC Gentle Teaching Institute.

Date and Time: June 18, 2008 – from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Burton Manor – 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150

Cost: \$75 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch

Target Audience: Residential, vocational, and staffing providers; families; caregivers; school personnel; and clinicians

67 Dynamic Actions that you can implement immediately to:

- Manage staff resources more effectively
- Increase your business opportunities
- Inspire staff
- Create a gentle culture
- Eliminate physical management

For more information, please call Michigan Assisted Living Association toll free at (800) 482-0115.

Gentle Teaching Practicum – Remaining Schedule for 2008

June 10, 11, and 12	Oakland County location
August 12, 13, and 14	Macomb County location
October 14, 15, and 16	Oakland County location

The practicum location will be confirmed for the participants following registration.

The three-day practicum will provide hands-on experience in an atmosphere that encourages participants to use the four most important care giving tools: their eyes, their words, their touch, and their presence. For every four participants, there will be one Facilitator/Mentor throughout the training sessions. During the practicum, the participants will be presented with and practice the basic techniques of being a gentle caregiver. The Mentors are individuals who have previously participated in practica and demonstrated expertise in gentle care giving. They have also shown initiative in facilitating the development of a culture of gentleness and caring in homes, schools, and employment sites. These individuals come from a variety of backgrounds under the auspices of MORC. Space is extremely limited. For information, call Diane Lindsay at (586) 263-8919, Sue Gipperich at (248) 276-8051, or Mike Vincent at (248) 276-8164. To register, call Millie Preston at (586) 263-8729.

Gentle Teaching International Conference – San Juan, Puerto Rico

On October 22-24, 2008, we celebrate our ninth international conference, designed for teachers, special educators, social workers, psychologists, therapists, parents and family members, administrators, politicians, attorneys, researchers, professors, and all advocates for those who hunger for justice.

The conference will include practical and tested ways to help marginalized children and adults learn to feel safe and loved, become loving, and become increasingly engaged in family and community life.

The conference will cover topics such as:

- Helping children and adolescents with life stories of extreme violence; helping them at home and in school.
- Supporting men and women in loving community homes and in the world of work.
- Dealing with psychiatric disorders in loving and nonviolent ways.
- Avoiding the use of any and all forms of restraint and punishment.
- Supporting elders suffering from Alzheimer's disease.
- Establishing political and legislative procedures supportive of nonviolence, a culture of gentleness and community inclusion.
- Understanding human and civil rights as a foundation for nonviolence and community inclusion.

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