

# 2022 Gentle Teaching International (GTI) Conference

## *The Reawakening*

Kensington Hotel Ann Arbor, Michigan August 17-19, 2022



## Call for Presenters

### **About the GTI 2022 Conference**

The 2022 Gentle Teaching International (GTI) conference is the premier gathering of people from around the world committed to providing positive and proactive supports. This year marks the **20th** anniversary of the conference!! The event will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the Kensington Hotel on August 17th - 19th 2022. If you, or someone you know, have an interest in sharing a presentation relating to how your Culture of Gentleness initiatives have had a positive influence on those receiving your services, the culture of the supporting workforce, organizational culture or policy we would like to hear from you! This conference presents a unique opportunity to share the research, best practices, case studies and lessons learned for creating a culture of support for vulnerable populations in varied environments. For registration and other information, [click here](#).

### **What is Gentle Teaching?**

Gentle Teaching incorporates compassion as an alternative to the reactive and restrictive practices that are commonplace in working with those who present with complex needs. Our central purpose is to nurture; teach; and sustain a sense of companionship, connectedness, and community for those who have repeatedly experienced an existence of disconnectedness, isolation, and loneliness. For additional information regarding Gentle Teaching International, [click here](#).

### **Why Attend?**

With hundreds of participants each year, the GTI Conference convenes you and your colleagues to:

- Learn from one another about pressing challenges and emerging innovations.
- Share best practices that enable providers to support more people with high-quality services.
- Connect with leaders, up-and-comers and newcomers to the field.
- Advance our shared vision for fully inclusive communities.

### **Who Attends?**

Individuals interested in strategies to improve the culture around you by focusing on the quality of relationships and supports with those that you have an opportunity to influence.

Past attendees from prior conferences have included:

- Advocates
- Family members
- People who receive supports
- Executive leaders
- Service providers
- Program directors & program managers
- Frontline supervisors
- Direct support professionals
- Care coordinators & support coordinators
- Clinical staff
- Human Resources
- Board members
- Trainers/Educators
- School Personnel
- Policymakers & regulators



## **Our Audience Needs**

Our attendees seek interactive sessions that offer practical knowledge and tools they can take back and share with their teams. They seek out innovative, out-of-the-box thinking to offer the highest quality of supports and services for people of ALL abilities to thrive as active, valued, contributing members of our communities, while navigating a complex regulatory environment, limited funding, and workforce recruitment and retention challenges. They are looking forward to experiencing how your presentation corresponds with the tenets of Gentle Teaching and a Culture of Gentleness.

## **Why Present?**

- Make lasting impact in our collective advocacy;
- Motivate, nurture, and lead our teams;
- Cultivate unique partnerships for creative solutions;
- Weave community networks and resources to enhance the services and supports provided

## **Our Favorite Presenters**

- Lead interactive sessions to stimulate thought-provoking discussions
- Challenge our assumptions
- Teach approaches that our attendees can replicate and implement in their communities
- Provide tools and resources for attendees
- Demonstrate the impact and success of their approach with data and first person accounts
- Share creative ways to overcome system barriers

## **Speaker Benefits**

- Visibility as a subject matter expert
- Complimentary registration for the day of your presentation
- Presenting and engaging with a global audience
- Marketing opportunities for you, your employer or business
- Networking opportunities with providers and advocates

## **Presentation Requirements**

- Standard presentations should fit within a 60-minute breakout session
- Abide by established deadlines for information submission
- Your completed "Call for Presenter" form must be submitted by **Friday May 20th, 2022**

## **Topics Of Interest That Keep Us Up At Night**

Topics listed below are examples and not an exhaustive list. We encourage you to submit any proposal.

- Successful transition strategies
- Integrated Care / Quality of Care / Care Coordination / Outcome Measurements
- Services in rural areas
- Individualized planning & supports
- Development of natural supports
- Meeting the needs of the child/family
- Self-Advocacy initiatives and/or self-advocate perspectives
- Providing complex behavioral supports in community settings
- Trauma-Informed care
- Research projects & findings
- The unique needs of elder care
- Creative community partnerships that decrease barriers
- Providing services for dual-eligible populations
- Non-traditional service models
- Social Justice
- Supporting the unique needs of children
- Unique Recruitment and Retention Strategies (e.g., apprenticeship programs)
- Preventing Employee Burnout
- Career Development models
- Workforce diversity
- Adapting mainstream technology to promote independent living
- Technology for effective program management (e.g. data analytics, medication administration)
- Technology to support our workforce (e.g., mobile tech, tele-medicine, staff training)
- Relationship Building Skills Development
- Performance Management; Mentoring, Monitoring, and Evaluations; Metrics
- Effective leadership initiatives
- Strategic Planning
- Balancing Liability vs. Risk
- Change Management
- Pandemic Lessons/Stories of Inspiration

**In Your Description Convince the Review Team this is a must-have session at the GTI conference**

- **Define the Problem / What is the Need?:** What challenge(s) are you trying to tackle? What makes your approach or perspective unique from similar discussions on this topic? What is your solution? How did you approach the problem? Outline the specific goals, general time frames, key stakeholders, and key components of this initiative.
- **How do you define success?:** How did you (or how will you) evaluate the success of this initiative?
- **Audience Take-Aways:** What are the key findings/ results of your work? What specific tools or resources will you provide the audience so they can replicate your success?
- We will be communicating our decision on selected presentations by Monday May 26th, 2022.
- We will be using the Conference App, EventMobi, to support the conference experience. As a result this will essentially be a paperless conference.
- We will need a copy of your presentation and any handouts sent to us by **Friday July 29th 2022**.
- Further Details about all of the above expectations will be sent to you upon notice of selection.
- If selected, you and your co-presenter will receive a one-day registration for the day you are presenting. This offer is limited to 2 total complimentary one-day registrations per presentation.
- If you feel your presentation is best presented in 2, one-hour consecutive sessions please communicate this upon submission of proposal.

# 20th Annual!

## Past 20 Years of GTI Conferences

| Year | Location                    | Country         |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2000 | Vancouver, British Columbia | Canada          |
| 2001 | Troy, Michigan              | United States   |
| 2002 | Vancouver, British Columbia | Canada          |
| 2003 | Winnipeg, Manitoba          | Canada          |
| 2004 | Skanderborg                 | Denmark         |
| 2005 | Chicago, Illinois           | United States   |
| 2006 | Ghent                       | Belgium         |
| 2007 | Saskatoon                   | Saskatchewan    |
| 2008 | San Juan, Puerto Rico       | United States   |
| 2009 | Porto                       | Portugal        |
| 2010 | Haarlam                     | Netherlands     |
| 2011 | Troy, Michigan              | United States   |
| 2012 | Skanderborg                 | Denmark         |
| 2013 | Saskatoon, Saskatchewan     | Canada          |
| 2014 | Thessaloniki                | Greece          |
| 2015 | Kansas City, Kansas         | United States   |
| 2016 | Akureyri                    | Iceland         |
| 2017 | Vancouver, British Columbia | Canada          |
| 2018 | Breukelen                   | The Netherlands |
| 2019 | Ghent                       | Belgium         |
| 2022 | Ann Arbor, Michigan         | United States   |
| 2023 | Aalborg                     | Denmark         |

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Are you, your employer, or someone in your circle of influence interested in sponsorship at the conference? We have [new options](#) for this conference and with well **over 300 people** anticipated for this event it will be a great opportunity to share your resources with others! If interested please email our Vice President of Growth and Development, Lindsay Calcaterra, at [Lindsay.Calcaterra@morcinc.org](mailto:Lindsay.Calcaterra@morcinc.org) or email our Director of Training, Kym Juntti, at [kym.juntti@morcinc.org](mailto:kym.juntti@morcinc.org) for our sponsorship package options or questions relating to sponsorship.

**Thank you for considering GTI's 2022 conference to share your lessons learned, best practices, and your vision for Cultures of Gentleness!**

**To be considered for a presentation you must complete the Presentation Application. Click [HERE](#) to complete the Call for Presenter Application**