



STRENGTHENING families CONFERENCE

Thursday, Sept.
23 6:30 PM

Pre-Conference Keynote: Parenting with Wit and Wisdom

Barbara Coloroso
Best Selling Author, Educator and Consultant - Kids are worth it! inc.

Friday, September 24

7:00 AM

Virtual Coffee

8:00 AM

Opening Keynote: Bridging the Gaps with Love and Courage

Erin Jones
Independent Education, Systems Consultant and Public Speaker

9:00 AM

Break

9:15 AM

Cultural Humility
Dr. Carlos Mejia Rodriguez
PhD, Community Outreach & Navigator
Program Manager
CHOICE Regional Health Network

Practical Steps for Bridging the Gaps
Erin Jones
Writer of *Bridges to Heal Us*, Independent Education,
Systems Consultant and Public Speaker

Anti-Bias Education: Valuing each child
Christine Moon
MS, Professor, Program Lead
Early Learning and Education Programs
South Puget Sound Community College

10:15 AM

Break

10:30 AM

Lessons from the Pandemic: Deepening Our Understanding
Phoebe Mulligan
Licensed Independent
Clinical Social Worker

Proactive engagement with schools in a post-covid era.
Dr. Jeff Broome & Jordan Stray
MA, Principal
Tumwater High School Principal Intern &
School Counselor
Tumwater High School

Navigating past the Pandemic
Jennifer Helseth
Health Specialist
Dept. of Children, Youth and Families

11:30 AM

Break

11:45 AM

Afternoon Keynote: Pockets of Predictability

Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, EdD
Bestselling Author, Internationally Recognized Lecturer and Parent Educator

12:45 PM

Break

1:00 PM

Supporting LGBTQ+ Families
Jennifer Berney
Author of *The Other Mothers*, Faculty
South Puget Sound Community College

Parental Resilience
Scott Hanauer
MA CMHS MHP, Clinical Director
Family Education & Support Services

Kids are worth it! Teaching with Wit & Wisdom
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2:00 PM

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2:15 PM

Sidekicking for Superdads
Keoki Kanauoe
Fatherhood Director,
Family Education & Support Services

Parent & Child Social Emotional Support
Bridgett Lecheile
PhD, Training & Data Manager
WA Assoc. of Infant Mental Health

Understanding Social and Emotion Growth in Young Children
Caprice Paduano
Professor, Early Learning & Education
South Puget Sound Community College