

NEWSLETTER

July 2019



NDCEC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
"A Day At The SPA"

WHEN October 3-4, 2019

WHERE Holiday Inn | Fargo, ND
a block of rooms is reserved

Speakers:
Matt Steinborn
Dr. Samuel Ortiz
Debby Moen + Barb Sandstrom
Brandis Ansley
Nickolas Gaines

Co-Sponsored by NDASP

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A Fall Conference Partnership!

Summer greetings to you all! We are hoping that you are all getting some rest and relaxation before beginning what will likely be another busy and productive year. NDASP is excited to be pairing with North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children for our Fall Conference. It will take place in Fargo, ND at the Holiday Inn October 3-4, 2019. Speakers include Dr. Samuel Ortiz, who is best known for his wonderful work on assessment with multilingual students. Another speaker is Matt Steinborn, former NDASP member and graduate of the MSUM program. He will be speaking to his personal experience of growing up and pursuing extensive education with a learning disability.

NDASRO Sponsorship



NDASP was happy to provide \$300 sponsorship to the North Dakota Association of School Resource Officers (NDASRO) "Summer Safety" conference. The conference was held June 19-21st, 2019 in Minot, ND and featured speakers such as Jermaine Galloway and Dr. Corey Martin. Galloway has over 20 years in law enforcement and has a passion for combating underage drinking and drug use. He is the owner of the website "Tall Cop Says Stop" which provides resources and speakers for organizations seeking information on underage alcohol and drug use. Dr. Corey Martin is a member of "Bounce Back" an organization that promotes happiness and health for individuals working in healthcare, social services and law enforcement fields. He spoke about self-care for those individuals who are working in these positions with a high level of stress.

Seal of Biliteracy

On Feb. 19th, 2019, The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) announced the implementation of the North Dakota Seal of Biliteracy (NDSB) award program. The NDSB is an award presented to graduating students who have demonstrated proficiency in a language in addition to English.

North Dakota joins more than half of the nation in awarding a Seal of Biliteracy. The NDSB is established to recognize students and provide an identifier of this accomplishment for employers and post-secondary institutions. The NDSB serves to inspire the implementation of biliteracy programs and pathways of language development in districts across the state and help districts demonstrate value in diversity/culture.

The NDSB is awarded by the NDDPI according to the specific criteria presented in the attached guidance document. Each student will receive a physical foil seal on their high school diploma, a certificate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and an identifier on the student's eTranscript. School district participation in the program is completely voluntary.

For more information:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/IME/sealofbiliteracy/>

President's Letter

Dear NDASP Members,

Happy Summer to all! I hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer after your busy school year. I am currently in Washington, D.C. visiting our representatives to discuss current CEC bills, many of which are also of interest to the North Dakota Association of School Psychologists (NDASP). In fact, Stacy Skalski from NDASP is here speaking on Mental Health Issues!

NDASP has accomplished a lot this past year. We have contacted and collaborated with Minot State University to work on keeping the program open and to help find candidates to fill the positions for professors in the program. Due to our cooperation, they have agreed to keep the program open and search for candidates for one more year! This is an important step as the program would likely have closed this year if we had not reached out. As well, the North Dakota Special Education Directors Study Council contacted me and wrote a letter supporting the program and offering assistance in keeping it open because of their respect for NDASP and school psychologists in North Dakota.

NDASP has also corresponded with Erin Oban in regard to the Dyslexia Bill presented this session. She has been an advocate for NDASP, and it was because of our correspondence and her support of NDASP that there will be a two-year study done on Dyslexia in ND prior to finalization of this bill. We have also developed a letter of recommendation for the Seclusion and Restraint Bill that failed. We will continually update this letter to have it ready for the 67th session as it is sure to come up again!

A summer retreat for the NDASP Executive Board was held on June 4th in Bismarck. The SAFE-R was completed and organizational goals were revised to better meet the needs of our members. A non-discrimination policy is being created and will be presented at the fall conference business meeting.

NDASP has partnered with North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children (NDCEC) for our fall conference in Fargo! We are bringing in Dr. Samuel Ortiz who will present on the X-BASS. For the price of the conference, NDASP members will be able to attend both the fall NDASP Conference and the NDCEC Annual Conference. Please see the website for more details. We hope that you will attend!

A new membership benefit will be book studies offered throughout the year. We will offer 4 book studies relevant to school psychologists throughout the school year. Each book study will offer one graduate credit and will be available free to current members! Examples of the titles are "Help for Billy" and "School Psychologists as Counselors". These book studies will be available for nonmembers at \$50 each, while members can access them free as a benefit to being a member of NDASP.

There is a lot going on in the field of school psychology and in politics regarding issues that directly affect our profession. We need to hear from you the members regarding the issues that concern you. It NDASP's goal to support the profession of school psychology and its members. We cannot support you if we do not hear from you! Please participate and let us know your thoughts!

President

Tamara Waters-Wheeler, NDASP

National Awards

In these times of shortage and funding deficits, it is important that we, as school psychologists, recognize the work that our ND colleagues do! Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the following awards:

The National Association of School Psychologists Awards:

<https://www.nasponline.org/membership-and-community/awards-scholarships-and-grants>

Awards include:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA)**
- **School Psychologist of the Year (SPY) Award**
- **GPR Special Friend of Children Award**
- **GPR Outstanding Advocate Award**
- **GPR Certificate of Appreciation**

State Awards

NDASP also would like to extend the opportunity for you to nominate a colleague for one of our state awards:

- School Psychologist of the Year
- Friend of School Psychologists

Information for these awards is available on our website: www.ndasp.org

A GPR Update

Hello North Dakota School Psychologists! I'm happy to update you on a piece of information from the North Dakota Special Education Directors Study Counsel (NDSESC). This group wrote a letter of need and support for continuing the program at Minot State. Signed by Dan Juve, NDSESC Chairperson, the letter addresses Minot State University President, Dr. Steven Shirley and Dr. Paul Markel-Interim Program Chair. In the letter, it addresses how imperative it is for this program to remain open. We all know all too well about the shortage not only in our great state but throughout the nation. In addition to petition for the school psychology program to remain open, the NDSESC acknowledges interest in offering support in the capacity of assisting in the search for a director of the program at Minot State, potentially financially support future candidates, provide site placements/experiences, or leaving additional options open that the university themselves may identify. This level of support from the NDSESC is greatly appreciated by the North Dakota Association of School Psychologists and we implore each and every one of you to reach out to your Special Education Directors and thank them for the support that Minot State, North Dakota School Psychologists, and students receive from this honorable gesture.

Thank you, NDSESC and thank you School Psychologists for all that you do to help our students!

Loren Houle, PsyS, NCSP
GPR Chair for NDASP
NASP Delegate for North Dakota

NDASP BOOK STUDY

HELP FOR BILLY

1 GRADUATE CREDIT (15 HOURS)

ONLINE-CANVAS

UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Sept 1 – Oct 14, 2019

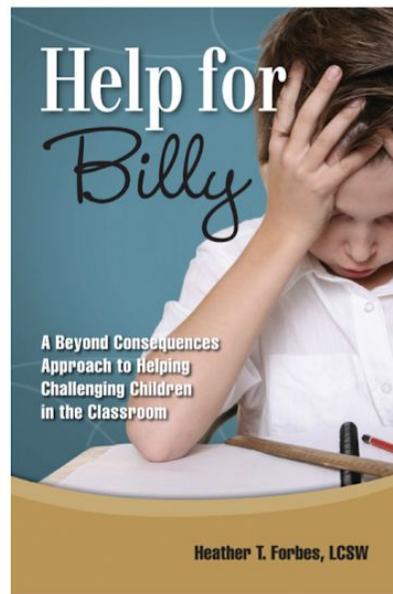
"Help for Billy is a pragmatic manual to help guide families and educators who are struggling with traumatized children. Based on the concept of the neuroscience of emotions and behavior, Heather Forbes provides detailed, comprehensive, and logical strategies for teachers and parents. This easy to read book, with tables, outlines and lists, clears the way for a better understanding of the true nature regarding traumatic experiences affecting the brain and learning. It is a must read for anyone working with a child in the classroom." [Book Overview]

*New perk for NDASP members!

To Register: Registration link coming soon!

For More Information: www.ndasp.org; email Tamara Waters-Wheeler (tamarawaters@hotmail.com)

*More Information regarding syllabus content and University of Mary credit will follow registration.



Upcoming Book Studies Include:

- School Psychologist As Counselor (Plotts & Lasser): October 2019
- No Drama Discipline (Siegel): January 2020
- Assessment and Intervention for Executive Functioning Difficulties (McCloskey, Perkins, & VanDivner)- March 2020

COSTS:

Member Cost: Included in Annual Membership Fee (\$50)*

Non-member Cost: \$50 per book study*

***Does not include the cost of the credit through University of Mary (\$45) or the cost of the book. Cost of books will vary.**



NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

2018-2019 School Psychologist of the Year

Nominated by her daughter, Miss America Cara Mund, Delora Kautzman was awarded School Psychologist of the Year. Delora is a School Psychologist in Bismarck, ND and has many outstanding accomplishments! Please congratulate Delora!!



NDASP Scholarship Information

REMEMBER members--there are scholarships available for professional development on the NDASP website!

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