

## MISSION MOMENT

At MCCC, we believe that parents and communities can transform punitive systems and negative cultural norms into successful approaches that address violence, trauma, and racism. That's why we work to empower parents as advocates.

On November 1–3, MCCC Parent Leaders shared their wisdom and insight as parents with child welfare professionals at the First Annual Minnesota Child Welfare Conference. Parent Leaders served as panelists on two panels:

### **Parent Panel: Journey Through the System**

Parents shared their experiences navigating the child protection system and working with social workers in a variety of roles. The panel was about gaining insight on how to better engage and partner with parents.

### **Fathers Panel: Eliminating Barriers to Engaging Fathers**

This session explored barriers and techniques to engaging fathers. The goal is to reduce disparities and gain a deeper understanding of the barriers fathers' face to better serve families.



### **Parent Panel: Journey Through the System**

From Left to Right:  
Shannon Geshick, Brianna Barnes,  
Damone Presley, and Amanda Elke



### **Fathers Panel: Eliminating Barriers to Engaging Fathers**

From Left to Right:  
Leo Baker, Charles Dixon (DHS), and  
Brian Loch

## NEWS FROM MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES CARING FOR CHILDREN (MCCC)

### **Radiothon to End Child Abuse: Thank You for Investing in Prevention**

Each year in December, MCCC partners with Hubbard Radio and volunteers across northern and west central Minnesota to fundraise for child abuse prevention through a 24-hour Radiothon. Since 1994, people in the Alexandria, Bemidji, Brainerd, and Wadena communities and surrounding counties have contributed donations over \$1,000,000 to support the work of MCCC and local Child Abuse

Prevention Councils. Through parent support and community education, these Councils help create nurturing, safe communities for children and families.

Because of the dedication of station employees, volunteers, and the many donors that put their hearts and souls into this effort every single year, we are able to continue to raise funds for child abuse prevention!



# HUBBARD RADIO



## MCCC IS A MEETS STANDARDS® ORGANIZATION!

We're thrilled to announce that Minnesota Communities Caring for Children has once again met the Charities Review Council standards!

MCCC earned the Meets Standards® seal by participating in Charities Review Council's [Accountability Wizard® review process](#). The review process examined four key areas: Public Disclosure, Governance, Financial Activity, and Fundraising. As a result, MCCC has aligned its practices, policies and procedures to widely accepted standards of accountability, leading us to greater strength, efficacy and to the achievement of the Meets Standards® seal.

By participating in this review process, our hope is to convey responsibility, integrity and transparency to our donors and the public. Thank you for supporting us as we continue to work toward achieving our mission while maintaining greater accountability and ethical practices.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAININGS



### February is National Parent Leadership Month!

Do you know an individual or organization dedicated to empowering parents that you would like to see recognized for their great work? Nominate them today using the short application form below!

Please submit your nomination to no later than January 31, 2018 to Francheska

Salcedo at [fsalcedo@pcamn.org](mailto:fsalcedo@pcamn.org). Join us in honoring community champions. Thank you for joining us to honor community champions!

[Download Application Form Here](#)

## 16th Annual MN Pinwheels for Prevention Tribe/Community Awards



Minnesota Communities Caring for Children spotlights tribes and communities statewide that have consistently worked to create safe and healthy environments for children. The Pinwheels for Prevention Award is presented annually to recognize communities that exemplify a strong commitment to the prevention of child maltreatment through collaborative efforts. Work at the community level is crucial to creating healthy environments where families and children thrive. Please submit your nominations by Friday, March 16, 2018 to [mweaver@pcamn.org](mailto:mweaver@pcamn.org).

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### ***Propel*: Resources for Youth Struggling with Substance Use and Their Families**

The University of MN and [Natalis Counseling & Psychology Solutions](#) are partnering to provide two new drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention programs. The goal of the programs is to help adolescents and parents live a healthy and drug-free life. These brief, evidenced-based interventions (described below) provide a unique opportunity for teens and their families to develop skills related to problem solving, goal planning, and relationship building.

For more information about the programs and to get involved, please contact Tiffany at 651-233-1514 or [tyang@natalispsychology.com](mailto:tyang@natalispsychology.com).

#### **Teen Intervene**

Designed specifically for youth (ages 12-17) who maybe experimenting with early alcohol or other drug use, Natalis's Teen Intervene Program provides education, support, and guidance for teens and their parents. Through six sessions, youth work one-on-one with a Natalis clinician to identify and change their choices and behaviors. Parents work with their teen for long term success and a healthy future!

#### **Everyday Parenting**

This six-session program is divided into three skill areas focusing on the concept of mindful parenting: supporting your teens positive behavior, setting healthy limits, and building family relationships by helping parents change interactions with their teen. Parents and adolescents work together to create positive change, while Natalis clinicians provide support, guidance, and tools for helping their child stay drug-free.

### **The Relational Worldview: A Tribal and Cultural Framework for Improving Child Welfare Outcomes**

The Center for Advance Studies in Child Welfare has created a video training for professionals and organizations working with American Indian communities. Featured presenters include Terry Cross, Sandy White Hawk, Bryan Blackhawk, and Rachel Banks Kupcho.



The sections of the video training are:

1. Introduction to the Relational Worldview
2. The Relational Worldview as a critical thinking tool
3. Taking the Relational Worldview to the organizational level
4. History of colonialism
5. Manifestations of colonialism
6. Removing children
7. Impact of historical trauma on Native children, youth and families
8. Healing our families and communities
9. Decolonizing our organizations

[For more details or to purchase a copy of the video click here.](#)



### Supporting Young People Transitioning from Foster Care: Findings from a National Survey Child Trends

*By: Garet Fryar, Elizabeth Jordan, and Kerry Devooght*

"The transition from adolescence to adulthood is a time full of excitement, growth, and change. Critical brain development occurs during adolescence and early adulthood, and can be supported by strong and stable connections with family, friends, and community. With these supportive connections, young people can grow into healthy adults.

Youth and young adults with foster care experience often miss out on some of the key resources needed during this time, reducing their chances to locate safe and stable housing, find steady and meaningful employment, and build strong and positive relationships with members of their social networks. They are more likely to experience homelessness and involvement with the justice system and less likely to graduate from high school or college."

[Read entire article here](#)

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Our mission is to **empower** parents and communities to build **supportive** relationships, **nurture** children, and **prevent** child abuse and neglect.

**REMEMBER CHILD ABUSE IS 100% PREVENTABLE**

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Home of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and Circle of Parents Minnesota



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