

# Gentle Teaching International (GTI) Conference

## *2020 Vision*

Kensington Hotel Ann Arbor, Michigan August 19-21, 2020



## Call for Presenters

### **About the GTI 2020 Conference**

The 2020 Gentle Teaching International (GTI) conference is the premiere 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 19th - 21st 2020. 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 on creating and sustaining a culture of support for vulnerable populations in varied environments. To register for the conference 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 hands-on 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 tenants 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 60-minute breakout session
- Abide by established deadlines for information submission
- Your completed "Call for Presenter" form must be submitted by **April 1, 2020, 11:59pm, EST**

## **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

**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?

**Expectations if Selected**


- We will be communicating our decision regarding selection by Monday April 20th, 2020.
- 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 your presentation, handouts, a photograph of you and your presentation team sent to us by **July 31st 2020**.
- 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!**

<b>Past 20 Years of GTI Conferences</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Country</b>
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
2020	Ann Arbor, Michigan	United States
2021	Aalborg	Denmark

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- MORC Training Facebook 
- MORC Training YouTube 

**Connect with GTI**

- GTI Website 
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- GTI Facebook 
- GTI Resources 

## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

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 400 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 2020 Vision conference to share your lessons learned, best practices, and your 2020 Vision!**

**To be considered for a presentation you must complete the required 2-page Presentation Application. Please note...When completing the application here are examples to help guide what is expected with each field:**



**Gentle Teaching International (GTI) Conference  
2020 Vision**

Presentation Application



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TEACHING  
INTERNATIONAL

**Primary Presenter information**

***First Name***

***Last Name***

***Credentials***

***Job Title***

***Employer***

***City***

***State (if applicable)***

***Country***

***Your Email:***

**Primary Presenter Biography**

**Co-Presenter information**

***First Name***

***Last Name***

***Credentials***

***Job Title***

***Employer***

***City***

***State (if applicable)***

***Country***

***Your Email:***

**Co-Presenter Biography**

*\*If selected as a presentation and you have more than two presenters you will have an opportunity to include their information in the conference app.*

**Presentation Title**

**Presentation Description**

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## Presentation Application (Page 2)

**As we will be applying for Continuing Education Credit please select check any of the standards below that best represents the content of your presentation:**

- Theories & concepts of human behavior in the social environment
- Social work practice, knowledge and skills
- Social work research, program evaluation, or practice evaluation
- Social work agency management or administration
- Development, evaluation, or implementation of social policy
- Social work ethics and standards of professional practice
- Current issues in clinical or macro social work practice
- Cultural competence and diversity
- Pain/Pain Symptom Management-Psychology of Pain



### Bibliography Requirements

1. Provide one reference for every 60 minutes of presentation. Reference must be published within last 5 years.
2. Reference must be in APA format (click [here](#) for APA format resource).
3. References must be from a peer reviewed book or journal.

Provide your Bibliography Reference here:

### Objectives of Your Presentation.

1. Provide one objective for every 60 minutes of presentation.
2. Your objective should finish the following sentence, "At the end of this presentation, attendees should be able to \_\_\_\_\_".
3. For information on how to write your objective click [here](#).

Provide your objective(s) here:

**What level of Gentle Teaching/Culture of Gentleness understanding should the audience have to experience the most benefit?**

**Have you or your co-presenter presented on this topic previously?**

**Have you or your co-presenter ever presented at a Gentle Teaching International Conference before?**

**To accommodate your presentation our set up will include: Front Table, Laptop (PC), Projector, Projection Screen, Advancer, Microphones, Sound. Do you require additional accommodations to ensure a successful presentation? What additional equipment do you need?**

**Will your presentation include an emphasis on Children?**

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL IS APRIL 1st, 2020**