



Presents

Gentle Teaching

The Past, Present, and Future

Do you love or support someone who could benefit from feeling more connected, engaged, and safe and secure with the relationships around them? Building a Culture of Gentleness has been a part of MORC's history starting with Dr. John McGee's influence in the mid-1980's and has remained a key component to the success we've had in this realm. Although Dr. McGee died in November of 2016, Gentle Teaching and John's message continues to inspire in our region and regions around the world. Join us for an opportunity to connect (or reconnect) on the ongoing need to create Cultures of Gentleness for ourselves and those receiving your care and support. As board members of Gentle Teaching International (GTI), we are excited to share with you some updates that will provide you opportunities for both personal and professional growth relating to our Michigan Culture of Gentleness initiatives along with learning opportunities from the Gentle Teaching International global network. This webinar will include the following outcomes:

- History of Gentle Teaching
- The Challenges
- Gentle Teaching Principles that Address Challenges
- Measuring our success
- Benefitting all Relationships
- The Future of Gentle Teaching

One of the exciting opportunities we will be discussing will include MORC's hosting of *2020 Vision*, the 20th annual Gentle Teaching International Conference in Ann Arbor Michigan August 19th – 21st 2020. Click [HERE](#) for the Call for Presenters Application Form and additional information relating to this conference. Additionally, you can anticipate future webinars from GTI from other GTI board members from other regions of our global network.

As part of their work experience, the presenters worked together to help close Michigan's last publically funded institution for people with intellectual disabilities.

Kym Juntti, MORC, Inc. Director of Training. Kym started as a Direct Care Worker in 1983 and was introduced to Gentle Teaching in 1985. This philosophy has been the mainstay of her career and accomplishments ever since. She is honored to lead and partner with a deeply committed training team. Supporting others in creating cultures that allow others to learn, heal, and grow.

Deirdre Mercer, [Progressive Lifestyles Inc.](#) Chief Operating Officer. Deirdre started in direct care and has served the roles of Job Developer, Vocational Specialist, Support Coordinator, Utilization Analyst, Senior Trainer, and Self Determination Specialist. She currently supports an amazing team of Gentle Teachers in their roles as program administrators and caregivers.

Ed Kiefer MORC Inc. Training Supervisor. Ed started in direct care and has served the roles of Home Manager, Social Worker/Support Coordinator and Training Supervisor. He currently supervises a dynamic team that trains tens of thousands of direct support professionals every year on a multitude of topics including Culture of Gentleness.

MORC's Webinar Series

Hour to Empower

Training is 1.5 hours

Attend via your computer or device

*ASL Interpreter also available upon request

Registration Information

When: Thursday March 12th 2020

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm EST

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