



## The 27th Annual Children Come First Conference

# "NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP: THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE"

November 16 - 17, 2016

Glacier Canyon Lodge

Wisconsin Dells

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\$160 until Sept. 26th  
\$185 after  
\$80 Youth (ages 12-26)

## 3 Keynote Speakers and 50 workshops!

### Special Guest Amy Bleuel

Amy Bleuel is the founder of Project Semicolon. She is looking forward to sharing her own story and listening to others' stories. Amy will be presenting a workshop for the general audience and will be spending time with the youth throughout the day. She has a compelling story of trouble and triumph. "Despite the wounds of a dark past I was able to rise from the ashes, proving that the best is yet to come. When my life was filled with the pain of rejection, bullying, suicide, self-injury, addiction, abuse and even rape, I kept on fighting. I didn't have a lot of people in my corner, but the ones I did have kept me going. In my 20 years of personally struggling with mental health, I experienced many forms of stigma associated with it. Through the pain came inspiration and a deeper love for others. God wants us to love one another, despite the label we wear. I do pray my story inspires others. Please remember there is hope for a better tomorrow."

**Amy's motto: Stay Strong; Love Endlessly; Change Lives.**

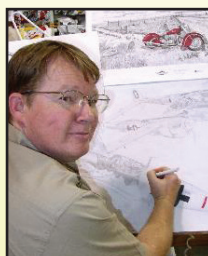


**PROJECT ;**  
"your story is not over"

## Keynote Speakers



**BARRY DUNCAN**



**PETE FEIGAL**



**TAMRA OMAN**

**The Children Come First Conference is for those caring for, working with, or interested in the well-being of children and youth with social, emotional, or behavioral challenges.**

Each keynote speaker will also present a workshop session for youth only!

See descriptions of workshops and register at [ccfconference.org](http://ccfconference.org)

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# Meet This Year's Keynote Speakers



## BARRY DUNCAN

**Barry L. Duncan, Psy.D. is a therapist, trainer, and researcher with over 17,000 hours of clinical experience.**

He is the director of the Heart and Soul of Change Project, CEO of Better Outcomes Now, and the developer of the clinical process of the Partners for Change Outcome Management System (PCOMS). Dr. Duncan has over one hundred publications including 17 books addressing client feedback, consumer rights, and the power of relationship. Because of his self-help books (e.g., *What's Right With You*), he has appeared on "Oprah," and several other national TV programs. His latest book, *On Becoming a Better Therapist: Evidence Based Practice One Client at a Time* describes PCOMS as a way to privilege consumer voice and improve client outcomes at individual therapist and agency levels. Because of the research conducted by Duncan and colleagues at the Heart and Soul of Change Project, PCOMS is included in SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. Barry speaks directly to those who love this work and who strive to get better. He talks about how each of us can re-remember and achieve our original aspirations to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



## PETE FEIGAL

**Pete Feigal has battled bipolar disorder for forty years, MS for 30 and has lived to "tell the tale."**

He has spoken over sixteen hundred times in the last fifteen years for schools, colleges, prisons, corporations, churches, gang youth, reservations, medical professionals and police forces around the nation. He is the co-founder of 'Tilting At Windmills', a theater and arts program for people whose lives have been touched by mental illness. Pete has taught at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and was the first client ever to speak and do Grand Rounds for the Mayo Clinic and their psychiatric section. He served for six years as the president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness' Hennepin County affiliate, and is now their president emeritus. He also has served on boards and advisory councils for NAMI-MN, Mental Health Resources, Inc., People Incorporated, The Crisis Connection and Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE).



## TAMRA OMAN – Back By Popular Demand!!

**Tamra Oman is a self-advocate and human services program coordinator at the Wisconsin Resource Center.**

Tamra Oman's life has been all about never giving up. She is a living example of being persistent, both personally and professionally. Tamra has utilized her own healing journey and her professional experience to develop trainings, presentations, and programs to broaden the understanding of how to assist others to engage, heal, and grow. Tamra has become a mainstay of the Children Come First Conference over the past few years. Her presentation motivates professionals to better understand those they work with, and challenges everyone to make positive change in their own life. You won't want to miss her unique presentation style.