

The 26th Annual
Children Come First Conference
"INCLUDE ME!"
November 10 - 11, 2015

Glacier Canyon Lodge
at the Wilderness Resort
Wisconsin Dells



**Four Keynote Speakers
and more than 20 workshops!**

A.M. DAY 1 TORRIE DUNLAP

CEO of Kids Included Together (KIT)

Through Kids Included Together (KIT), Torrie works nationally and internationally offering trainings and keynote speeches to help children and youth programs meaningfully include children of all abilities. Torrie has delivered keynotes and trainings on inclusion around the United States and in Europe. She has been published numerous times and is a contributor to the advocacy website *Think Inclusive*. She is a frequent guest host on the online radio program *The Inclusive Class*. Torrie is a Certified Professional in Learning and Performance. In October 2014 she delivered her first TEDx talk entitled "Isn't it a pity? The real problem with special needs."



P.M. DAY 1 JOE OVERTURF

Special Education and Pupil Services Director, Author

Joe Overturf has been in the special education and pupil services field for over 40 years. The most important lessons Joe has learned are a direct result of his interactions with misunderstood kids and their families, not formal coursework. He realized that many of the traditional strategies for working with challenging kids didn't work, yet continued to be used. Recognizing that a change in perspective was necessary, Joe made a decision to focus on the real needs of struggling kids. His experiences led him to write the book *"Taking the 'Mis' Out of Misunderstood Kids."* Come and hear Joe as he puts a very real face on the needs of kids and families, while challenging the conventional wisdom used by schools, bureaucrats, and politicians.



A.M. DAY 2 **LIZ WOOLCOCK**

Mental Health Educator, M. Ed.

Liz Woolcock, the first international keynote presenter at the CCF Conference, joins us from the land Down Under! Liz recently worked for an Australia-wide project that focused on mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention in school communities. Liz has been a teacher in elementary and middle schools for over fifteen years. She holds a Master of Education degree in School Guidance and Counseling and has worked as a mental health educator. Liz has also delivered trainings on mental illness and suicide intervention as part of her work with the Australian College of Community Services. She is a passionate advocate for recovery and for those with a lived experience of mental illness, especially children and their families. Liz has the rare ability to be engaging and challenging at the same time.



P.M. DAY 2 **TAMRA OMAN - Back By Popular Demand!!**

Recovery Support Specialist, SAC

You'll laugh, you'll cry; it may change your life! Tamra Oman will speak about the importance of "nothing about us without us," from both a personal and professional perspective. She is currently a human services program coordinator at the Wisconsin Resource Center. She is a living example that what you do matters. 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. Due to overwhelming demand from last year's participants, Tamra is the first keynote speaker in CCF Conference history to be asked to present a keynote two years in a row. You won't want to miss her unique presentation style!



Youth ages 12-26 are welcome to attend the conference as well! Each keynote speaker will also present a workshop session for youth only!

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.

For more information visit our conference website
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