



SDCA News Bites

South Dakota Counseling Association

2010 Conference Update:

The South Dakota Counseling Association Conference will take place in Aberdeen at the Ramkota Hotel April 22-24, 2010.

Pre-conference programs are being arranged by several areas of specialty. The SDMHCA is beginning plans for their pre-conference workshop.

The SDSCA is sponsoring two half day sessions presented by Dr. Russell A. Sabella and sponsored by the South Dakota School Counseling Association. Dr. Sabella will present a half day session titled *Web 2.0 Boot Camp: Using Communication Technologies to Reach and Teach School Counseling Program Stake Holders* and a half day session entitled *Cyberbullying*. Dr. Sabella suggests participants bring their computers and follow along for the Web Boot Camp session.

Another pre-conference program that is currently being planned is an Ethics presentation sponsored by SDACES. Please be watching for more information on this session.

Dr. Sabella will also present a Thursday evening session open to the public from 7:30-9:00. He will present *Guarding Kids Against High Tech Trouble*.

SDCA has confirmed Dr. Lynn Linde, president of ACA, to speak at the opening session of Friday, April 23. Dr. Linde's presentation is titled "*Looking at the Past and Reaching Toward the Future*"

Counselors can view conference forms and keep up to date on conference developments by visiting the SDCA web site at: <http://www.sd counseling.org/conference.asp>.

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SDCA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT:

SDCA, your counseling association, needs you to run for President-Elect! The essential qualifications for this elected position are enthusiasm, energy, and a passion for the profession of counseling. As President-Elect, you will work closely with the President and the Board to lead the South Dakota Counseling Association. After your term as President-Elect, you will serve as President.

SDCA is a partnership of associations representing professional counselors who enhance human development by providing

benefits, products and services to expand professional knowledge and expertise; to promote recognition of counselors to the public and media; and to represent members' interests before federal, state, and local government.

SDCA represents nearly 550 professional counselors in the counseling profession and related fields of interest. SDCA is the parent organization of professional counselors under whose umbrella there are a network of five Areas of Specialty and nine Chapters.

Kindly direct inquiries to James Korcuska, President-Elect, at james.korcuska@usd.edu.

Guarding Kids Against High Tech Trouble:

From podcasts to porn, cyberbullying to cell phones, Dr. Russell Sabella helps audience members understand the risks that emerge when high-tech tools, uninformed parents, and exuberant youth collide. Because kids are growing up with modern technologies, many are more expert than their parents. As a result, a parent's ability to make effective decisions for how technology is used may be compromised. This presentation empowers counselors, parents, educators, and other care takers to better understand the electronic terrain. Participants will be better able to help children safely and securely navigate a minefield of inappropriate and risky situations.

Dr Russell Sabella to Present Thursday Evening April 22, 2010

Award Nominations:



The deadline for submitting nominations for SDCA Awards is March 1, 2010. Scholarship applications are also due on that date. Last year, we did not have nominations for all the awards. Thus, a few deserving counseling professionals went unrecognized. For more information, go to our website and open the "Members" link (<http://sdcounseling.org/members.asp>). Kindly refer questions to James Korcuska, SDCA President-Elect, at james.korcuska@usd.edu.

Call For Programs Extended:

SDCA is looking for presenters for the April Conference in Aberdeen. Please fill out the Call for Programs form on the SDCA web-site at:

<http://www.sdcounseling.org/conferece.asp>

Deadline Nov. 14, 2009

Board Member Spotlight:

Greetings, fellow counselors. I am Jim Korcuska and I am privileged to serve as your president-elect. Previously, I served as the ethics chair for SDCA and president/president-elect for SDACES. Currently, I am the program coordinator for the Counseling program at The University of South Dakota, masters through doctoral. I regularly teach graduate ethics for counselors and present workshops on ethics to area professionals, as well as maintaining an active research agenda (11 articles in national/international counseling related journals). I am licensed as a professional counselor in South Dakota.

In May 2000, Kent State University awarded me a doctorate in counselor education and supervision. After living in northeastern Ohio our entire lives, my spouse Lisa and our children Hannah and Owen moved to Vermillion. We never looked back.

I remember my first SDCA Conference. The year was 2001 and it was in Rapid City. As I drove across the state for the first time, the raw beauty of our spare landscape captured me. More important, every association member I met welcomed me warmly and offered assistance. It was here I learned the true meaning of the phrase "you betcha". As I approach the upcoming year, I will do my best to return the many favors SDCA has bestowed upon me.

