



Minnesota Mentor Program (MMP) Kickoff Event

Date: August 6, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Link for participation will be emailed to MMP Applicants & State/wide Specialists

Program Facilitator:

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Meeting Agenda:

- 9:30 Welcome General MMP Information
MMP Books of Focus
- 10:00 Mentor Presentation:
Mentoring Pre-Service & In-Service Teachers: Ideas & Lessons Learned (Christine Peper, LDA Minnesota) (Pre-Recorded)
- Protégé Presentation:
Self-Care: Helping Professional Thrive in a Weary World (Jennifer Londgren, Minnesota State University, Mankato) (Live, mentors can join if they want to watch the mentor presentation later otherwise this will be recorded too)
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 Small Group Work Per Disability Category with State/wide Specialists
Individual Team Pairings (Mentor & Protégé) Planning Time

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Presenter Bios:

Dr. Christine Peper is currently employed at the Learning Disability Association (LDA) of Minnesota as both an instructor and mentor manager in their alternative pathway special education licensure program. For thirteen years, she worked as a special education teacher responsible for developing transition curricula, individual education plans (IEPs), and assessments. Upon completion of her PhD, she went to work at the University of Minnesota, where she mentored classroom teachers seeking alternative pathway to licensure and she served as the academic advisor for students seeking special education licensure in Developmental Disabilities. Christine was appointed to the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) for the state of Minnesota by Governor Dayton and in her final year on the panel, she served as the Chair of this committee. Christine is licensed in four areas of special education - LD, EBD, ASD, and DD.

Jennifer Londgren, EdD, LMFT, NCC, Dr. - Minnesota State University, Mankato
Dr. Jennifer Londgren is the Program Coordinator for the Alcohol and Drug Studies Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato and an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Science. Her clinical expertise includes working with clients with addiction and mental health issues, as well as working with youth with anxiety disorders. She has a passion for supporting students and professionals in the mental health field.

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