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Friday May 2, 2014

Challenge of Children Free One Day Conference

Challenge of Children is an annual FREE parenting conference held at the Hope College Haworth Center in Holland (on 10th Street between College and Columbia Avenue) on May 15, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.). The free one day conference is dedicated to informing, motivating, offering support and networking opportunities on child development, child guidance and other challenges related to parenting for parents and caregivers. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ray Guarendi. He will be speaking on "Standing Strong as a Parent". The conference includes more than 30 workshops, with topics such as Adolescent Sexuality, Eating Better on a Budget, Your Child's On-line Footprint, Legal Planning for a Child with Disabilities, Discipline 101, Early Communication with Sign Language and much more!

*"Raising and caring for children today is a demanding job.
This is a wonderful free opportunity for parents and caregivers to network together,
be motivated and gather support on the many challenging areas of parenting."*

*- Tami Schippers, Challenge of Children Conference Committee Chair
& Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Early Childhood Program*

Conference

Thursday, May 15, 2014

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hope College Haworth Center in Holland

Due to campus construction this year, lunch will not be provided.

Please feel free to bring your own lunch or visit <http://ow.ly/uyD9c>
for the Downtown Holland Dining Guide.

Register by May 9

www.challengeofchildren.org or call Tami Schippers at 616-796-1504.



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Keynote Speaker



Dr. Ray Guarendi is the father of 10, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker and nationally syndicated radio host. Dr. Ray's experience includes school districts, Head Start programs, mental health centers, substance abuse programs, inpatient psychiatric centers, juvenile courts and a private practice. Dr. Ray is also a published author with eight books released to date. Learn, laugh and let Dr. Ray coach you to stand strong and become a more confident parent.

Conference Major Contributors

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Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
Spectrum Health Zeeland Community Hospital
CDS Lakeshore Head Start
Community Mental Health of Ottawa County

Conference Sponsors

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Great Start Collaborative & Parent Coalition of Ottawa County
Molina Health Care
Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Head Start
Ottawa County Department of Public Health
Pathways, MI
Great Start to Quality Western Regional Resource Center

Resources Attached

Challenge of Children conference logo, poster and flyer

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Suggested Social Media Posts

Email

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Facebook

(May include the attached logo or share posts from www.facebook.com/challengeofchildren)

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Twitter

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