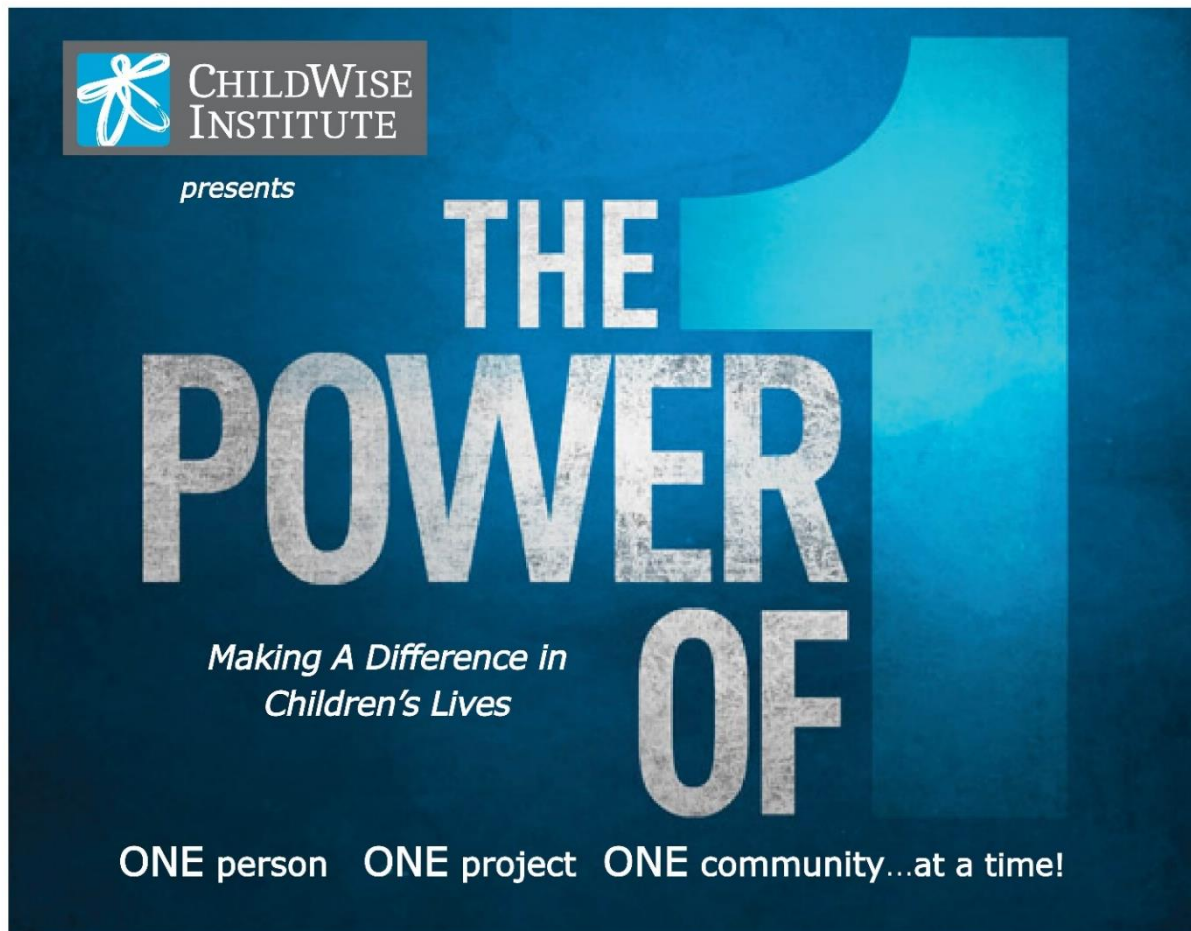




Presents

Fall Summit “The Power of One”
September 20th & 21st 2018, Helena, MT



In March 2015, Harvard’s Center on the Developing Child released a study saying, “*Every child who winds up doing well has had at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive adult.*” Maybe this child is 7 and on your baseball team. Maybe she’s your 12-year-old granddaughter. Maybe he’s 15 and lives in your neighborhood. Whoever it may be, you have the **POWER** to make a positive and significant difference in their lives!

We will hear from leading experts and nationally known speakers who will inspire, motivate and create a “call to action” for all attendees and give them fresh new ideas and necessary tools to successfully implement innovative programs and initiatives in their communities *to help children & families*. **YOU** have the power for change!

Keynote Speakers – Day 1:



Jim “The Rookie” Morris. Jim’s journey is a testimony to the power of dreams and their ability to inspire and transform human life. Now a role model to millions, Morris’ memoir, *The Rookie*, was made into a major motion picture in which Dennis Quaid portrayed him. A schoolteacher by trade, Jim is a loveable storyteller whose miracle story captivates and inspires audiences to never give up on a dream. Jim Morris’ presentation will focus on the power of resilience and the influence that we have on the lives of others. Jim will share his personal story of childhood adversity and how he was able to overcome it due to the influence of his grandparents. Jim draws lessons from his own life experiences to inspire others to become mentors and leaders and the importance of helping children reach their full potential.



Dan Griffin, M.A., is an internationally recognized author, thought leader, and expert on men’s relationships and masculinity. Dan has spent the past two decades formulating his ideas while working in the addiction and mental health recovery fields. Dan will discuss the power fathers have in the overall success of their children’s lives. Having a fully engaged father or father figure can significantly enhance the life of a child. This engagement can help children better develop physically, emotionally & socially increasing their health and happiness.



Andrea Darr, Director, WV Center for Children’s Justice will discuss a promising initiative, **Handle With Care** between schools/child care agencies, law enforcement and treatment providers. Handle With Care provides the school with a “heads up” when a child has been identified by law enforcement at the scene of a traumatic event. Handle with Care promotes safe and supportive homes, schools, and communities that protect children, and help traumatized children heal and thrive. A panel discussion will occur between representatives from law enforcement, schools and treatment providers.

Keynote Speaker – Day 2:



Denis Estimon who created the student-led movement **We Dine Together** will discuss how student leaders make it a priority to create a positive social atmosphere on their campuses. For a new incoming student, the club is a welcoming committee. To others, WDT can be a safe haven or space where they can be themselves without fear of rejection. For the school, the WDT family is a catalyst for real social change. Denis was featured on CBS National News and CBS Sunday Morning.

4 Breakout Sessions – Day 2:

1. The Power of Community Initiatives (Panel Discussion):

1. Tina Eblen, *Elevate Montana Initiative* Elevate Montana is a statewide, grassroots movement dedicated to building resilient and connected communities. The Elevate Montana Affiliates strives to raise awareness about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), their long-term health effects, the power of resiliency in overcoming ACEs and creating a more compassionate and connected community.

2. Rev. Dr. Chris Haughee is the author of *Bruised Reeds and Smoldering Wicks*, a 6-week small group study designed to introduce churches to trauma-informed ministry principles and the biblical basis for outreach to traumatized children and individuals who have experiences ACEs.

3. Tabitha Garvin-Betancourt of *Military One Source*. As a military parent, you have the next best thing to parenting instructions – a wealth of parenting resources, benefits and programs. Military OneSource is by your side through the journey of parenthood – through the early years and tricky teen years. Whether it's finding quality child care, learning about adoption, helping your kids excel in school or connecting to resources, Tabitha will explain services available through Military OneSource for children and families.

4. TBD

2. The Power of Fathers: *Patrick Duganz, Father Engagement Specialist, Gallatin City-County Health Department*

Patrick is the Father Engagement Specialist for Gallatin County and a member of the Healthy Gallatin Home Visiting Team at the Gallatin City-County Health Department. Patrick has worked in social services for over ten years with populations ranging from teenage boys with autism, to homeless veterans in Missoula, Montana. As the Father Engagement Specialist and as a member of the Healthy Gallatin Home Visiting Team at the Gallatin City-County Health Department, Patrick works with a staff of nurses and social workers to teach parents about child development, family wellbeing, and parent-child interaction. His work also focuses on connecting with dads with children aged 0-5, helping them learn skills regarding parent-child interaction, child development, and working on family well-being; with an additional program goal of helping families in the valley through the sometimes difficult process of raising children (nearly 150 families per year receive services from the home visiting team). This session focuses on the mission of creating better, more stable dads, helping them learn skills regarding parent-child interaction, child development, and working on family well-being. The goal is also to give listeners a look at basic male psychology, and the important role men play in parenting.

3. The Power of a Movement: Denis Estimon

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4. Building Resilience ONE organization at a time! *Jennifer Blodgett, Health Promotion Specialist, Flathead City-County Health Department; Somer Gauthier, McDonald's franchise owner in Helena.*

Jennifer Blodgett's focus is youth tobacco prevention, suicide prevention, mental health awareness, and creating a trauma-informed environment. Jennifer is an ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experience) presenter, a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) trainer for suicide prevention, and is in the process of becoming a Mental Health First Aid trainer. These opportunities give Jennifer the chance to connect with her community and to create a more trauma-informed approach within her community.

Somer Gauthier has been a McDonald's franchisee owner for over 14 years. In her search to provide better services and benefits to her employees, she came into contact with ChildWise Institute and ACEs. She will share the impact this partnership has had on her business and employees. Somer lives in Helena, Montana, with her husband of 36 years and their two dogs.