

### CONFERENCE LOCATION

CJVR Performing Arts Theatre - Kerry Vickar Centre  
206 Bemister Avenue East, Melfort, SK  
Phone: (306) 752-4177

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

SASW Member: \$195.00  
SASW Student Member: \$100.00  
Non-Member: \$235.00

**The registration fee for the full conference includes all nutrition breaks, luncheon and banquet.**

**A one day rate will be offered for April 25, 2012 at a rate of \$165 per person. This does not include the banquet.**

### DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION

Friday, April 6, 2012

### REFUND POLICY

**Full refunds will be issued prior to Friday, April 6, 2012.**

No refunds will be issued after April 7, 2012 unless for extenuating circumstances at which time a portion of the conference registration fee will be withheld.

**All refund requests must be made in writing to the SASW Office prior to April 24, 2012.**

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A Block of rooms has been reserved until March 24, 2012 at:  
Canalta Hotel, Melfort Phone: (306) 752-4242

A block of rooms has been reserved until March 26, 2012 at  
Travelodge, Melfort Phone: (306) 752-5961

# Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
(APRIL 24, 2012)**

**&**

**PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE  
(APRIL 25 & APRIL 26, 2012)**

**Kerry Vickar Centre  
CJVR Performing Arts Theatre  
Melfort, SK**

**“COUNSELLING CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
WITH COMPLEX NEEDS”**

**Presented by: Michael Ungar, PhD, RSW  
Author of “The Social Worker”**



**Hosted by: SASW Northeast Branch**

## CONFERENCE SPEAKER



**Michael Ungar, PhD, RSW**, is the author of 10 books and more than 75 articles and book chapters. His works include a novel *The Social Worker* and books for parents and professionals, including *We Generation: Raising Socially Responsible Kids*, *Too Safe for Their Own Good: How Risk and Responsibility Help Teens Thrive*, *Counselling in Challenging Contexts*, and *Strengths-based Counselling with At-risk Youth*. Michael's affable style of parenting advice and expertise on the subject of resilience is sought out by news media with Michael regularly being featured in high profile publications such as USA Today, the National Post and the Globe and Mail, as well as numerous television news shows and radio programs across North America. Michael has given keynote speeches and presented at conferences in many different countries, and recently participated in a roundtable event at the European Parliament in Brussels.

Michael has practiced for over 25 years as a Social Worker and Marriage/Family Therapist with children and families in child welfare, mental health, educational and correctional settings. Now a University Research Professor, and Professor at the School of Social Work, at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada, he leads an international team of resilience researchers that spans more than a dozen countries on six continents. In addition to his research and writing interests, Michael maintains a small family therapy practice for troubled children, youth and their families.

Michael lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with his two teenaged children.

## LAUGHTER THERAPY

**Provided by Helen Bzdel BA, BSW, RSW (SK), Certified Laughter Therapist**

A one hour session of Laughter Therapy will be included for conference participants. What better way to do some self-care.....

## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Using interactive exercises, clinical transcripts and video recordings of work with children and families in mental health clinics, addictions treatment centers, correctional settings, schools, and residential placements, Dr. Ungar will show how to identify seven factors that protect vulnerable young people from the long-term impact of disadvantage, violence, and other serious threats to their mental health. He will show how we can help children and adolescents navigate and negotiate for the resources they need to sustain positive psychological growth.

This workshop explores practical techniques for clinical intervention and case planning while providing participants an opportunity to discuss the most challenging children, youth and families with whom they work.

## CONFERENCE GOALS

- To understand how individuals and families with complex needs use “problem” behaviors to enhance their resilience and wellbeing when more socially acceptable solutions are not available
- To become familiar with the principles of an engaging ecological model of individual and family intervention (that includes elements of solution-focused, postmodern/constructionist, and ecological therapeutic techniques) suitable for work across multiple service settings
- To demonstrate how to use a model of practice that helps clinicians, families and communities identify and build upon atypical, complex, culturally relevant patterns of coping
- To develop a strategy for working without resistance with different hard-to-reach individuals and families, based on examples drawn from participants' own practice
- To explore six ways services can be structured for children, youth and families that make resilience more likely to occur.

Dr. Ungar will also provide an evening presentation to the community on “*The We Generation: Raising Socially Responsible Children and Teens*”. In this presentation he will discuss with parents how to raise children to think “We” in the “Me” thinking times. Dr. Ungar will offer practical suggestions about how to raise children to become competent, caring contributors to their families, schools and communities. Presentation is being sponsored by Northeast School Division & Northeast Outreach & Support Services

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Annual General Meeting: Tuesday April 24, 2012  
Canalta Hotel, Melfort, SK**

6:00 p.m.	Registration for Annual General Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Annual General Meeting/ Presentation of Awards
8:30 p.m.	Wine & Cheese Social <b>Event sponsored by: Leslie Christianson, RSW (SK)</b>

**Provincial Conference: Wednesday April 25, 2012  
Kerry Vickar Centre, Melfort, SK**

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Registration/Coffee/Networking
8:45 – 9:00	Opening Remarks
9:00 – 10:15	Presentation by Dr. Ungar
10:15 – 10:35	Nutrition Break
10:35 – 12:00 noon	Presentation by Dr. Ungar
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Presentation by Dr. Ungar
2:15 – 2:30	Nutrition Break
2:30 – 4:00	Presentation by Dr. Ungar
4:00 – 5:00	Laughter Therapy by Helen Bzdel, RSW (SK)
5:30 – 6:00	Mocktails/Social
6:00 – 7:15	Banquet
7:30	Presentation by Dr. Ungar to the community <i>"The We Generation: Raising Socially Responsible Children and Teens"</i> - Swartout Hall, Kerry Vickar Centre <b>Event Sponsored by: Northeast School Division &amp; Northeast Outreach &amp; Support Services</b>

**Provincial Conference: Thursday, April 26, 2012  
Kerry Vickar Centre, Melfort**

8:30 a.m.	Coffee/Networking
9:00 – 10:15	Presentation by Dr. Ungar
10:15 – 10:30	Nutrition Break
10:30 – 12:00	Presentation by Dr. Ungar
12:00 – 12:30	Conference Wrap-up and Evaluations

## SASW CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be attending the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No**

### REGISTRATION DATA

a) Registration Fee

<input type="radio"/> SASW Member: \$195.00	<input type="radio"/> SASW Student Member: \$100.00
<input type="radio"/> Non Member: \$235.00	<input type="radio"/> One Day Rate: \$165.00 - does not include banquet

b) Will you be attending the banquet on Wednesday, April 25, 2012?  Yes  No

c) Allergies to Food

Do you have any allergies to foods that the conference facility needs to be aware of?  Yes  No If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

d) Method of Payment

- cheque/money order which is included with registration form
- Employer to be invoiced (details must be provided below in full)

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to:

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