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*From the President's Pen ....*

*by Dawn Collins*



Greetings everyone,

What an exciting and historical time it has been to be living and working in Indiana these last few months! Even if you are not interested in football, it was difficult to not be proud of our accomplishments and the benefits that have resulted from our hosting the Super Bowl. Many needy families, charities and organizations have received both short term and long term benefits.

Perhaps my biggest hope is that one of the lasting impressions that visitors will take with them and not soon forget is what we kept hearing over and over; how Hoosiers are genuinely nice kind friendly people. As a former New Englander myself, this was also what has been so refreshing to me living in Indiana. I can't think of a nicer way to be defined as a region. Warm wishes and big thanks for all your contributions towards enhancing the lives and wellbeing of Indiana's individuals and families.

As always, I would love to hear from you about how the organization can better serve you. I can be reached at [Daclmft@aol.com](mailto:Daclmft@aol.com)

Dawn Collins MS,CAGS,LMFT

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**2012 ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Hardy**

Date: March 16th  
[WWW.INAMFT.ORG](http://WWW.INAMFT.ORG)

## REGISTER NOW! SPRING CONFERENCE 2012



IAMFT will host the 2012 Annual Spring Conference on March 16th. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Hardy of Drexel University's Couple and Family Therapy Department.

Dr. Hardy is an internationally recognized clinician, author, and Trainer. He is also the Director of the Eikenberg Institute for Relationships in New York City where he maintains a private practice specializing in working with traumatized and oppressed populations. Dr. Hardy is the former Director of the Center for Children, Families, and Trauma at the Ackerman Institute in New York City, and formerly served on the faculty at Syracuse University where he held numerous positions including Director of Clinical Training and Research, as well as Chairperson of the Department of Child and Family Studies.

He has won considerable acclaim for the contributions that his publications and videotapes have made toward challenging our society to think critically about the hidden but significant connections that often exist between trauma and issues of oppression. In addition to his own writing, Dr. Hardy serves on the editorial boards of six publications including the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, the Journal of Family Psychotherapy, the Journal of Divorce, the Journal of Couples Therapy, the Psychotherapy Networker, and the Journal of Family Counseling. He is a frequent contributor to the popular print media such as the USA Today, Jet Magazine, and Good Housekeeping. His work has been highlighted in the electronic media as well and he has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Dateline NBC, PBS, 20/20, and is the featured family therapist in the former Discovery Health Channel program entitled Living Room Wars.

Dr. Hardy, along with a colleague, developed the training manual and curriculum that has been used in New York City to train licensed clinicians in Trauma Based Family Therapy. This program was funded by the September 11th Fund of New York and was co-sponsored with the NYC Mental Health Association. Additionally, he has provided training and consultation to an extensive list of Human Services agencies devoted to providing Trauma-Based, culturally competent care to children, couples and families. Some of his former clients include the Children's Defense Fund, the Menninger Clinic, the New York State Office of Mental Health, Harlem Hospital, the Washington D.C. Superior Court, Four-Winds Psychiatric Hospital, Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center, Philadelphia Department of Human Services, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, and Family and Children's Services of Washington D.C., Nashville, Louisville, and Minneapolis.

Dr. Hardy, a fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, (AAMFT), and a recipient of the International Association for Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC) Distinguished Contribution to Marriage and Family Counseling Award, has also received the Distinguished Contributions Award to Family Therapy and Social Justice awarded by the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA). He is a frequent presenter at conferences on the topics of trauma and oppression. He is the co-author of a new book with Monica McGoldrick, *Revisioning Family Therapy: Race, Class, and Gender* (Guilford), and is co-author of *Teens Who Hurt: Clinical Interventions for Breaking the Cycle of Violence* (Guilford) and *Minorities and Family Therapy* (Haworth Press).

*Questions? Please contact Ann Ninness at (317) 484-2630*

*Register online today at [www.inamft.org](http://www.inamft.org)*

**If you would like to serve on a committee and help lead IAMFT into the future, please contact us.  
We need you! E-mail [ann@centraloffice1.com](mailto:ann@centraloffice1.com)**

**CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS! SPRING CONFERENCE 2012**



**CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

***Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy***  
Annual Spring Conference 2012 – March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Location: The Monon Center, Carmel, Indiana  
Guest Speaker: Kenneth Hardy PhD.  
Presenting: Children, Families, and Trauma: A Relational Approach

The Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy is accepting proposals for poster presentations for our Annual Spring Conference. Posters are visual displays of key points of a paper or project, and allow workshop attendees to have one-on-one interaction with presenters. Submissions of original research or research-in-progress are invited, as well as clinical and theoretical work.

**General Instructions:**

Space limitations permit only freestanding posters on tri-folding poster boards. IAMFT will provide presenters with a table on which to place the poster board.

***Proposals and acceptances will be communicated by email only.*** Email the information below to **Ann Ninness (ann@centraloffice1.com)**

Deadline for submissions is **March 2, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poster: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Presenters: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include abstract of approximately 100 words.

## STUDENT CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

### Student Conference Scholarships Application Instructions

IAMFT is very pleased to support graduate students in marriage and family therapy programs in Indiana by offering scholarships for conference attendance at the spring conference. Scholarship monies come from donations by board members and a percentage of our conference registration fees.

The scholarship is intended to assist students with financial need. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded for each IAMFT conference. Please note that this scholarship is given to currently enrolled graduate students, and each student may apply only once during graduate school years.

#### Conditions of the scholarship

Students will:

Be considered for the scholarship through formal application procedures only.

Receive paid registration. If registration includes meals for paying members, then students will also have the same meal without cost to them.

Not receive any cash, travel funding, or paid accommodations.

Forfeit the scholarship if it is awarded but the student recipient does not attend the conference. In this case, if possible, the scholarship will be given to an alternate student. If an alternate student is not available to use the scholarship, it will be returned to the scholarship fund to be used for a scholarship at a future conference.

#### Application Procedures:

Complete an application that includes: 1) name, contact information (email, phone, and street address), and university affiliation; 2) statement of financial need; and 3) a 150 word statement of how attending the conference will be important to your professional development. Please submit this information in a Microsoft Word document as an email attachment.

Submit the application by the deadline of Monday, March 5th. Submit applications by email attachment to [ann@centraloffice1.com](mailto:ann@centraloffice1.com).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate Bill 24 of the 2012 Session of the Indiana General Assembly contains two provisions that were requested by the INAMFT.

SECTION 23 of the bill would subject new applicants for licensure to a national criminal history background check. In 2011 the General Assembly enacted this requirement for most health care professions but inexplicably left out four mental health professions. The INAMFT requested that MFTs be included in the requirement for consistency across the board for all health care professions. In addition to MFTs, Social Workers, Addiction Counselors, and Mental health Counselors will also be included in the requirement. If enacted, this requirement will be effective July 1, 2012.

SECTION 24 of the bill would clarify that the two years of clinical experience required for licensure is calculated from the date of awarding of the degree. Currently some confusion exists as to when the two years begins. If enacted, this requirement will be effective July 1, 2012.