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Chapter 14

Momentum: Girls On The Move

May 27 – 28, 2010
The Hotel at Gateway Center
Ames, Iowa

The Hotel at Gateway Center 2100 Green Hills Drive Ames, Iowa

Reservations: 800/FOR-AMES

A block of rooms have been reserved for those attending the conference, so please mention it when making your reservation!

Conference Schedule

THURSDAY

7:30am – 8:45am Registration & Breakfast

8:45am – 10am Welcome & Keynote

10:15 – 11:45am Workshops

11:45am – 1pm Courageous Advocacy Awards & Lunch

1pm – 4:15pm Workshops

FRIDAY

8am – 8:45am Registration & Breakfast

8:45am – 10am Welcome & Keynote

10:15am 11:45am Workshops

11:45am – 1:15pm Lunch & Closing

**“Weaving the Fabric of Change: We Are All Connected”
GIOVANNA TAORMINA**

Is it true? Are we really all connected? In a world that is rife with uncertainty, fear, and the potential for losing the things we have acquired, what is it that we can truly value? And why is this “momentum” of empowering women and girls across the globe increasingly important today? Giovanna will address the compelling power of relationships and ritual and share contemporary events and stories about what happens when we empower women and girls with opportunity, and how in turn, they stabilize our communities.

In tandem with the gender responsive movement, by valuing relationships and our connection as a whole, the speaker will share how the movement has grown and how the diversity of organizations around the world have weaved the fabric of humanity’s collective genius that can inspire any who despair the world’s fate to join the momentum of connection, community, and transformation for women and girls.

GIOVANNA TAORMINA



Giovanna Taormina is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Girls Circle Association, a Project of the Tides Center. She provides national training, materials, consultation, and technical assistance related to female responsive services to non-profit agencies, government, state supported programs, institutions, and systems that work with adolescent girls and has served as a national consultant to the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Giovanna co-developed the Girls Circle program, a comprehensive, integrated, gender-specific model for girls that is implemented across the country and internationally to address the risk factors and needs of adolescent girls in a format that is conducive to building on girls' strengths and fostering resiliency. With extensive experience in the design, development, and implementation of program services for girls, she is recognized for her work in both the public and private sectors. Since 1997, the Girls Circle Association has provided nationwide trainings, in-service trainings, and peer-leadership trainings with participants from all over the United States and Canada.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

***“Mo•men•tum. Noun. Strength or force that keeps on moving. Websters New World Dictionary. The Unstoppable Girls Movement!”
PAULA SCHAEFER***

In spite of struggles, barriers, politics in the field, bad economic times, advocates for and providers of girls’ services continue to be a force that keeps moving on. Presenter will take a look at where we’ve been, where we are now and where we are headed – the good , the bad, the ugly and the hopeful in the juvenile justice system.

PAULA SCHAEFFER



Paula Schaefer (Paula Schaefer & Associates, Inc.) is a consultant for the juvenile justice system in the United States and Canada providing technical assistance to state, county, provincial and private agencies to promote female responsive and restorative services for girls. Paula assists court services, residential and community based agencies with program assessment, program development and implementation in order to provide a meaningful and cost effective continuum of services for girls. She has been a consultant for the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention and the National Institute of Corrections and is the former director of the Planning for Female Offender Unit, of the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Prior to this, Paula was the Program Coordinator for St. Croix Girls Camp, a private correctional facility for court ordered adolescent girls. Paula had worked as a practitioner with children, adolescents and families for many years in community and residential based services.

Workshops

A variety of workshops will also be offered including but not limited to:

- ~ Stewards of Children: Adult response to sexual abuse
- ~ Got Energy? Self care for professionals
- ~ Working with Girls Using the Arts
- ~ Women's History
- ~ STIs and Pregnancy in Foster Care
- ~ Leaderships and Girls Values
- ~ Vicarious Trauma
- ~ Introduction to Female Responsive Services
- ~ Relational Aggression and Same Sex Relationships
- ~ Female Pathways into Delinquency: Girls voices
- ~ Health and Body Image
- ~ Sexual Violence Prevention
- ~ Substance Abuse among Girls

Check our website in the coming weeks for full descriptions of workshops

www.women.iowa.gov/girls

CLOSING SPEAKER



Talia Leman is the CEO and a founder of RandomKid when she was 10 years old. This Iowa girl develops ideas, strategies and networks between kids nationwide to increase their impact. She leads “power” assemblies, doles out interest-free “loans” to kids to help jumpstart their philanthropic ventures, conducts conference calls, and trains kids in media relations. Having been appointed UNICEF’s first known National Youth Ambassador, Talia has worked with kids from 20 countries and reported close to 10.5 million dollars for her RandomKid-guided initiatives. Talia is the winner of numerous international and national awards for her philanthropic work and has been twice featured on the TODAY SHOW. What does Talia love most about RandomKid? “The moment when the kid finally gets to give whatever it is they raised to the recipient. The look on their faces is priceless.”

Courageous Advocacy Awards

Thursday, May 27

Awards for

**Service Provider
Administrator
Policy Shaper
and
Young Woman**

who create meaningful, comprehensive
and lasting change for girls

Silent Auction

A portion of the silent auction proceeds will go to the Young Woman Courageous Advocacy Award winner with the rest going to RandomKid.

RandomKid is a nonprofit that was co-founded in 2005 after then 10 year-old CEO, Talia Leman, from Iowa, united kids across the USA to report over \$10 million for hurricane Katrina/Rita relief. In doing so, RandomKid created a philanthropic force, voice and entity for America's youth, enabling their giving power to be recognized and ranked with top U.S. corporations.

Grand Prize Drawing

Each participant registered for Whispers & Screams will be eligible to win a **FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** for the 2011 conference!