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2009 PARENT INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE
'BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE'

Presented by Pathfinder Parent Center & ND DPI: Office of Special Education

Thursday, April 16, 2009 & Friday, April 17, 2009

Conference site: Best Western Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND

Register before March 19, 2009 to get the best rate.

Please send checks payable to Pathfinder Parent Center. Thank you.

- Registration options: Full conference (\$85.00 before/after 3-19-2009), Thursday/Friday only registration (\$50.00/\$60.00 before/after 3-19-2009), and Pathfinder Parent Center member registration.

My membership number is _____.

Member registration rate is as follows:

- Registration rates for members: Before 3-19-2009 (2 Days \$68.00/Thursday, \$40.00 each day; After 3-19-2009 (2 Days \$84.00/Thursday, \$48.00 each day).



Limited REGISTRATION ONLY scholarships are available for parents or family members of a child with a disability. Single day scholarships are available. Full day attendance is required if using a scholarship. We are sorry we cannot offer lodging scholarships. Register soon. I am a parent of child/children with a disability. I would like a registration scholarship for both days, or Thursday or Friday.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Organization: _____

Parent(s) of child/children with a disability - Age(s): _____

Child's Disability: _____

Teacher Other: _____

Special accommodation needed: _____

Please contact the Pathfinder Parent Center three weeks in advance.

- CEUs and Social Work contact hours will be requested.
Bismarck Best Western Doublewood Inn - 701-258-7000 or 1-800-554-7077 - Doublewood rate is \$60.00 plus taxes before April 1st, 2009. Reserve your room early!!!
Pathfinder Contact: Email Diana.Page@pathfinder-nd.org 1-800-245-5840 or 1-701-837-7500
Mail form to: Pathfinder Parent Center, Conference 2009, 1600 2nd Ave SW #30, Minot ND 58701-3459



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**Michael and Eleanor Bailey to Open
Pathfinder Conference April 16, 2009**

Michael T. Bailey and his daughter, Eleanor, will discuss the importance of a student taking an active role in his or her IEP process. They will offer practical tips and useful advice on ways to help the student's voice be heard in the IEP meeting.

Eleanor is twenty, has Down Syndrome and is attending community college. Michael T. Bailey is President-elect of the Board of Directors of the National Disability Rights Network in Washington, DC. He is a former criminal defense lawyer, teaches law and philosophy, and is a nationally known speaker. His book, "SPECIAL EDUCATION, A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S SUCCESS" is available in the Pathfinder Library and will be for sale at the conference.

This book offers practical tips, checklists and strategies on how to make the system work to insure the educational success of all children. The complex web of laws, regulations, personalities, and stresses, combined with anxiety over raising a child with a disability, have made special education advocacy an impenetrable maze to many parents.

**For more information or to register for this
inspirational conference:**

1-800-245-5840 or 1-701-837-7500

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Collaborating Partners:

- Pathfinder Parent Center
- ND Dept Public Instruction
Office of Special Education
- ND State PIRC
- ND Human Services Early
Intervention
- ND Protection & Advocacy
- Family Voices of ND
- Independence, Center for Independent Living



**Rick Lavoie To Provide Inspiration
& Information Friday, April 17, 2009**

Rick Lavoie is well known for his videos "How Difficult Can This Be? - The F.A.T. City Workshop", "Last One Picked, First One Picked On", "When the Chips are Down." and "Motivation Breakthrough".

Rick has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He holds three degrees in Special Education and has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at numerous universities. Rick has delivered his message of inspiration and information to over 500,000 parents and professionals in North America.

www.ricklavoie.com

Breakout sessions are being planned on:

1. Siblings panel
2. Parent Involvement
3. Legislative Updates
4. Extended School Year
5. Kids as Self-Advocates
6. Students Involved in IEPs
7. Positive Behavior Supports
8. Native Americans & the IEP
9. Universal Design for Learning
10. Friendships and Social Interactions
11. Sensory Integration and Hygiene
12. Strategies to Overcome Cultural Barriers
13. Assistive Technology Smart Home concept

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