



“Building the Bridge Together”

2008 SoDakSACA Conference

**October 3-4, 2008
Watertown Event Center**

Conference Highlights

This year's 9th annual statewide conference will be held at the Watertown Event Center, and will feature an excellent pre-conference session, motivational keynotes, exhibitors, and an abundance of high quality workshops for all! Check back for registration information and further workshop details in early August. We hope you will join us for this annual statewide training event.

Conference Contact

The 2008 conference chair is Jan Stange, Director of the GAP program in Brookings. For questions about the conference, you may contact her at: gapost@brookings.net

Conference-at-a-Glance

Friday

7:00-8:00	Registration and breakfast
8:00-11:30	Opening Session with Bill and Ezra
11:30-1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-2:15	Breakout sessions
2:30-3:45	Breakout sessions
4:00-5:15	Breakout sessions
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:00-8:30	Fun with Bill and Ezra

Saturday

7:30-9:00	Registration
7:30-8:30	Members only breakfast and annual meeting
8:00-8:30	Light breakfast
8:45-10:45	General Session with Bill and Ezra
11:00-12:15	Breakout sessions
12:15-1:15	Lunch/network
1:15-2:30	Breakout sessions
2:45-4:00	Breakout sessions
4:00-4:30	Wrap-up/closing

Lodging

Book your rooms now at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, which is connected to the Watertown Event Center, by calling (605)886-8011. Make sure you book your room under the 'SoDakSACA block' so you'll receive the lower conference rate.

'Build a Bridge' Special Promotion:

This year, instead of a Poster Contest, we would like programs to put together their own creative version of our theme "Building the Bridge Together" in 3-D format, that will be used as centerpieces for our Friday evening dinner. One entry per program accepted. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries.

Presenter Bios

Dr. Bill Michaelis and Ezra Holland

Dr. Bill Michaelis is a professor emeritus at San Francisco State University and Director of *Children Together*, an international leadership and management training organization. Ezra Holland is a Faculty member at San Francisco State University and CEO of Ezra Holland Consulting EHC, LLC, an international organization committed to providing adventure and play programs, trainings and products to all.

Together they have presented well over 2000 fun-filled and thought provoking workshops, events, and keynotes around the world, and are experts on play and it's applications to creativity, learning, development, self esteem, and healthy living for all age groups. Bill received his Ph.D. in Education from U.C. Berkeley. Ezra received his M.S. from San Francisco State.

Bill and Ezra's presentations are packed with humor, interaction, inspiration, insight and applications to personal and professional life. They stopped counting after 30 years and over 2000 workshops, keynotes and events in over 25 states and overseas.

They have presented to almost every type of organization that serves children, youth, adults and families including schools and human services, youth development and recreation organizations in more than 25 states and overseas, non profits, corporate and public child agencies and the widest range of professional conferences and businesses.

