

# *Beyond Giftedness Conference XXIV*

## **GENERAL FULL DAY CONFERENCE:**

- Three Keynote Presentations!
- Breakout Sessions for teachers, counselors and administrators
- Networking time with peers
- Browsing the exhibits
- Continental breakfast and lunch
- Valuable information you can use with the gifted kids in your life
- Certificates for 7.5 hours of Professional Development
- Opportunity to earn .5 graduate credit hours

## **KEYNOTES:**

### *Whole Mind and Whole Brain*

*Dr. Nadia E. Webb, author of Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults*

Intelligence is not static. The brain is a complex system that changes in response to social forces. "Psychological" experiences of loneliness, social support, affectionate touch, intellectual challenge, social stability or bullying can alter the brain at the smallest levels, including the lifespan of a neuron, as well as how we later think, learn and love as adults.

### *Overexcitabilities: Myths, Realizations and New Research*

*Dr. Linda Silverman*

The term "overexcitability" made its debut in gifted education in 1979. Over the last 35 years, we have embraced this concept, credited it as being the main cause of the misdiagnosis of the gifted, rejected it in some academic circles and misconstrued it in others. What is overexcitability (OE)? What is its theoretical basis? Why is the concept so controversial? How do we distinguish OE from AD/HD, sensory processing disorder, and other treatable diagnoses? Are gifted children more overexcitable? What does the research say? How should parents and teachers respond to gifted children's overexcitability?

### *Celebrating the Whole Gifted Child: A Dialogue with George Betts and Linda Silverman*

The Whole Gifted Child is a topic which Linda and George have explored for over 80 combined years. Now it is time to hear these two professionals and learn about the future for the gifted child. This dialogue will provide audience members with established information as well as a look ahead. Questions will be generated by the facilitator and audience members.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

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## **WHEN**

Friday February 24, 2017  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

## **WHERE**

Arvada Center for the Arts  
6901 Wadsworth Blvd  
Arvada, CO 80003

## **REGISTRATION**

\$125 General Conference  
\$55 Parent Mini-Conference  
\$50 Students (8-12 grade)

## **VISIT**

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## **PARENT HALF-DAY CONFERENCE**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM \*

*\$55 pp; \$90 per couple, limited to 50*

*Includes lunch and optional keynote.*

## **OVERNIGHT**

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Westminster Marriott: \$99 (\$115 with 2 full breakfasts)  
Call 720.550.4850 and reference this conference or visit the link on our website by 2/16/17

## **MEALS**

Continental breakfast and lunch are provided for general conference. Continental breakfast will include pastries, coffee and tea. Lunch will include a potato bar with baked potatoes, potato toppings, chili, and salad. Gluten-free options included.