

Dr. Lauren Lieberman



Dr. Lauren Lieberman is a leading authority in the world on physical activity and sports for children who are blind or visually impaired.

The recipient of numerous national and international awards for her work, she is the co-author of more than 18 books and has published more than 125 journal articles on adapted physical education.

She is the founder and co-director of the Institute of Movement Studies for Individuals with Visual Impairments. The Institute's mission is education, research, programming and leadership as related to physical activity and motor skills of people with visual impairments and deaf blindness.

Lauren earned her doctorate in adapted physical education at Oregon State University with an emphasis on sensory impairments. She also taught at Perkins School for the Blind, the international leader in blind and deafblind education. Lauren is currently a Distinguished Service Professor at The College at Brockport, State University of New York, and teaching adapted physical education.

Lauren's enduring accomplishment is Camp Abilities, a week-long educational sports camp launched in 1996 for children who are blind or visually impaired.

Our Mission

Our mission is to empower families so that they may access information on topics relating to their child's visual impairment, develop an awareness of services and resources available on a regional and national level and become more effective advocates for their child.

What is Family Weekend?

This is an opportunity for families who have a child with vision loss (including those with additional disabilities) to listen to informational speakers, and to meet other families from across North Dakota and staff from North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.

What is the North Dakota School for the Blind Family Team?

Inspired by the National Association for Parents (and families) of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI), the Family Team's goal is to assist in connecting families who have children with vision loss across the state of North Dakota. We help to provide emotional support, advocate for the education and independence for children who are blind and visually impaired, and provide informational opportunities for families who have children with visual impairments or blindness.



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**2018 Let's
Get Moving**
with Dr. Lauren Lieberman

Family Weekend



March 16-17, 2018

**Brave Center
901 Division St NW
Mandan, ND 58554**

2018 Let's Get Moving with Dr. Lauren Lieberman Family Weekend Agenda

Friday, March 16, 2018 at Mandan Brave Center

- 6:00-7:00 Light Meal
- 7:00-8:30 Water Skills Development
with Dr. Lauren Lieberman
(Bring swimwear and towel for you and
your children as this will take place in
the swimming pool)

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Mandan Brave Center

- 8:00-8:15 Registration
- 8:15-9:00 Parents Only
- 9:00-12:00 "Setting the Stage for a Life
Time of Physical Activity"
by Dr. Lauren Lieberman
(This will be a combination session
of lecture and hands on time spent
with your children)
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch provided at the Brave
Center
- 12:30-3:00 "Setting the Stage for a Life
Time of Physical Activity"
by Dr. Lauren Lieberman
Continued... (Lecture & hands on
with your child)
- 3:00-3:15 Closing & Evaluations

Dress comfortably for the conference.

Additional Information:

Linda Kraft
Phone: 701-739-3429
Email: lkraft@nd.gov

Registration Fee:
\$10 per adult attendee

Make checks payable to:
ND School for the Blind Foundation

Registration Deadline:

Because this conference is being customized to meet the individual needs of each participant, it is imperative that registrations are returned by **February 26, 2018**

Accommodations:

Baymont Inn & Suites Mandan
2611 Old Red Trail
Mandan, ND 58554
Phone number: (701) 663-7401

A block of rooms is reserved under School for the Blind. The rate is \$75 plus tax per night. Breakfast is available. Rooms will be available at this rate until March 3, 2018.

Scholarships are available for families having a child with a visual impairment, to assist with transportation and room costs. To request assistance, please contact your regional coordinator. The ND Dual Sensory Project will provide assistance with lodging expenses for children currently on the ND Deaf/Blind Census.

In order to receive financial assistance, participation is required for the entire day on Saturday.

Message from our Superintendent Paul Olson

It is with great anticipation and excitement as we now wait for this very special weekend. A full day of training for educators from THE expert in physical education for children with sensory disabilities will be followed by a one of a kind experience for families.

It is our hope that this weekend will be a game changer and a powerful life changer for the children we serve. Everyone can experience the thrill and benefits of fun movement and fitness. Come learn, laugh and move, with us!

Family Weekend 2018

If you have a child who is deafblind, blind, or visually impaired, with or without additional disabilities, this conference is for you!

According to Dr. Lauren Lieberman, children with disabilities in the United States have been included in general physical education classes since 1975. The transition from segregated classrooms to supportive, inclusive environments has been a struggle for students with disabilities and those responsible for their education. Dr. Lieberman has authored countless books and articles on this subject, including one of her most recent books, "Strategies for Inclusion: Physical Education for Everyone". Dr. Lieberman will spend Friday evening and all day Saturday, providing you with strategies to get your child moving! This will be done in a fun, relaxed environment, where you will first learn the skill from Dr. Lieberman and then implement it with your own child! There will be lots of support, so everyone will be successful!

You are encouraged to bring your entire family! There will be staff available to support you during the hands on portion of the conference as well as child care for times spent hearing Dr. Lieberman speak. Dr. Lieberman feels everyone can move.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this conference, please call Linda Kraft at (701) 739-3429 or lkraft@nd.gov. Let's figure out what we need to do to make this conference a possibility for you and your family.

Please encourage teachers and therapists working with your child to attend a one day conference being held for professionals on Friday, March 16 at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Mandan. More information is available by calling 701-795-2700.