

Sarah Carlson



Sarah Carlson has been working with families through Family Voices of North Dakota since 2016. Sarah has a child who receives services from many areas, including ND Vision Services. Sarah is a family

leader in the area of services for people with disabilities. Sarah also works for ABLE, Inc. and as an Experienced Parent. Sarah serves on some boards and commissions in North Dakota, representing families and has also lead workshops to support families and professionals with understanding the role and expertise the family perspective can provide to a team. In her free time, Sarah loves traveling to explore this beautiful world and meeting the people who live in it. She also loves creating things with her hands, such as painting.

Ken Dockter



Ken Dockter is the daily living skills instructor and coordinator of adult programs. He has been at NDVS/SB for the past 23 years. Ken received his Masters in Blind Rehabilitation Teaching from Northern Illinois University and his undergraduate degree from University of North Dakota in Elementary Education with a Teacher of the Visual Impairment certification. Ken received his Certification in Orientation and Mobility from the University of Northern Colorado.

Ken has 2 children & enjoys running and training for races.

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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North Dakota Vision Services/ School for the Blind

Presents

Families on the Scene in 2019

FAMILY WEEKEND

March 22-23, 2019



Wesley United Methodist Church
1600 4th Ave N
Grand Forks, ND 58203

**Families on the Scene
in 2019
Family Weekend Agenda**

**Friday, March 22, 2019
at ND Vision Services/School for the
Blind**

6:00-8:00 Light Meal & No Host Social

**Saturday, March 23, 2019
at Wesley United Methodist Church**

8:00-9:00 Welcome from Superintendent
Paul Olson - Introductions

9:00-10:30 "The Importance of
Expectations" - *Keith Bundy*

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 American Printing House for
the Blind (APH)

11:45-1:15 Banquet & Awards Ceremony
Julie Anderson

1:15-2:45 Family Voices
Sarah Carlson

12:30-3:00 Daily Living Skills
Ken Dockter

3:00-3:15 Closing & Evaluations

Additional Information:

Linda Kraft

Phone: 701-739-3429

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Registration Fee:

\$10 per adult attendee

Make checks payable to:

ND School for the Blind Foundation

Registration Deadline:

February 22, 2019

Accommodations:

Expressway Suites of Grand Forks

4040 11th Ave S

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Phone number: (701) 757-7000

A block of rooms is reserved under ND School for the Blind. The rate is \$94.95 plus tax per night. Breakfast is available. Rooms will be available at this rate until February 22, 2019.

A limited number of scholarships are available to assist families with transportation and room costs. To request assistance, please contact your regional coordinator.

Child Care & Youth Activities:

Childcare & youth activities will be provided at United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 23, 2019 by members of ND Vision Services/School for the Blind Family Team & staff and volunteers from the community.

**Message from our Superintendent
Paul Olson**

However one defines "family" it is crucial that children are supported by those who are closest to them. Family members have the most profound opportunity to influence a child's own sense of expectation. How do we help children develop high expectations that fit them as an individual? Without role models and other families to learn from it can be hard. The opportunity to learn from each other this weekend is wonderful. It is especially cool that Mr. Keith Bundy will be on hand to share his thoughts on "The Importance of Expectations." On behalf of NDVS/SB and the Parent Planning Team, we expect that you will all walk away after the weekend with more ideas and a better sense of how to help your child develop the best possible expectations for him or her.

Family Weekend Presenters

Keith Bundy



Keith Bundy was born totally blind. He received primarily a mainstream education and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, a bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion, and a master's degree in college student personnel work. He has worked for over 35 years in a variety of professional positions and is currently a digital accessibility consultant and trainer with Siteimprove, Inc. He enjoys public speaking, serving as a public address announcer for sports events in his community, and spending time with his wife, Peggy, and their four grown sons (and two grandchildren).

**American Printing House
for the Blind**

The Mission



The American Printing House for the Blind promotes independence of people who are blind and visually impaired by providing specialized materials, products, and services needed for education and life.

American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is the world's largest nonprofit organization creating educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are blind and visually impaired.

Brief History

Founded in 1858 in Louisville, Kentucky, APH is the oldest organization of its kind in the United States. From 1858 until the Civil War began, APH organized its operation and raised funds to create embossed books. After the war, APH resumed operations and produced its first tactile books. By the early 1870s, APH was operating on a national scale.