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Time: 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul Student Center, Minnesota Commons Room
University of Minnesota, 2017 Buford Avenue, St. Paul

The Learning Dreams model for educational engagement teaches child welfare workers how to use Learning Dreams to motivate youth and help them make long term progress in their lives. It will also teach workers how to use creative community building strategies to effectively support the learning dreams of youth in the child welfare system. Learning Dreams is built on the premise that actively supporting a culture of learning in homes and communities creates a foundation for students' educational success.

The goal of this training is to benefit professionals in the child welfare system, by teaching them —

- To *motivate people more effectively* using people's own life aspirations (Learning Dreams) as a motivator, and
- To *effectively integrate this model* into their practice by giving participants skills and methods to act as an effective "trouble shooter" on behalf of people's learning dreams.

For those willing to integrate this model into their child welfare practice, follow up support/consultation will be offered to assist child welfare workers in successfully using this model and evaluating its success.

Jerry Stein, presenter

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Dr. Jerry Stein, formerly of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, joined the School of Social Work as a Senior Fellow in 2005 to create and direct the School's Project on Youth and Community Learning. Dr. Stein has worked for over a decade building the Learning Dreams program. Using people's own curiosity and aspirations for growth — Learning Dreams extends their learning and also their connections into the wider community.

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There is a \$15 fee to cover the box lunch provided by D'Amico & Sons.

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