



MTASCD Summit

July 30, 2018

Helena, MT

Welcome to the 2018 Montana ASCD Educator Summit and thank you to School Administrators of Montana for partnering with us to kick off the SAM Summer Institute. We'd also like to thank the Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative and Southwest Montana School Services for helping to sponsor this afternoon's social in the Natatorium.

Over the past 12 months months Dr. Kirk Miller has been guiding MTASCD through a strategic planning process. The result is an updated vision, "Working together to promote success for all Montana students", and an expanded mission that reflects Montana's collaborative approach to public education.

"The mission of Montana ASCD is to build and foster collaborative partnerships to produce meaningful, effective and timely professional learning for all educators."

As a result of our desire to build collaborative partnerships in Montana communities we have invited author Kristin Souers to spend the day with us. Whether you are a teacher leader, an administrator, curriculum professional or mental health provider Ms. Souers will challenge you to think deeply as we work together to support learning.

Today's presentation "Trauma is a word, not a sentence" will focus on how to adapt our work with children, recognizing that many have been impacted by traumatic events.

At the end of the day we'll share some of Montana ASCD's core values and how we may support you including MTASCD Best Practices. These quarterly meetings provide an opportunity to network and explore all things related to curriculum, instruction and ASCD's Whole Child initiative.

We are honored you have chosen to spend the day with us. We hope you will leave with renewed energy and excitement for the 2018-19 school year.

-Robin Arnold, President, MTASCD

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Room:

7:15 - 8:15	Registration & Hot Breakfast	<i>Capitol</i>
8:15 - 8:30	Welcome & Overview of Program Robin Arnold, Principal, Morning Star Elementary, MTASCD President	<i>Executive</i>
8:30 - 10:00	General Session -- Kristin Souers <i>- Trauma Is A Word Not A Sentence</i>	<i>Executive</i>

Childhood trauma is real, & it is more prevalent than we might believe. In this engaging, relevant, & practical session, learn from childhood trauma expert Kristin Souers about the importance of trauma informed practices in the school setting. Participants will be provided with opportunities to reflect on information centered around the role that trauma plays in the school environment; the importance of self-awareness & regulation & strategies to support these in the school setting; the power of relationships & the role they play in the establishment & maintenance of school safety; the importance of self-care & the need for the professionals to have tools & strategies to support their own health. This professional development experience is for teachers, administrators, school counselors, psychologists & community health professionals. It will emphasize strength-based approach to use with students, families, fellow faculty, school personnel & community members.

Session Outcomes:

1. Participants will deepen their understanding of the prevalence of childhood trauma and the impact of trauma and toxic stress on learning and development.
2. Participants will explore multiple strategies for education staff and community members to utilize with children with (known and unknown) trauma histories – helping to sustain learning-ready states.
3. Participants will collaborate to identify best practices associated with trauma-informed care that they can implement into their workplace settings.
4. Participants will reflect on how this information impacts their role and their overall health, collecting several suggestions for self-care and self-awareness.

10:00 - 10:15	Break	<i>Foyer</i>
10:15 - 12:00	General Session Continued -- Kristin Souers	<i>Executive</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	<i>Capitol</i>
1:00 - 2:00	General Session Continued -- Kristin Souers	<i>Executive</i>

2:00 - 2:15	Break	<i>Foyer</i>
2:15 - 3:30	General Session Continued -- Kristin Souers	<i>Executive</i>
3:30 - 4:00	MTASCD Annual Member Meeting	<i>Executive</i>
4:00	Adjourn	
4:00 - 6:00	MTASCD Reception	<i>Natatorium</i>

Kristin Souers

For over two decades, Kristin Souers, MA LMHC, has dedicated herself to the improvement of people's lives. As a licensed mental health counselor, she has provided counseling services to individuals, couples, and families. With a history of working in the fields of early learning, law enforcement, education, and mental health, she has been able to develop an extensive knowledge base. This, partnered with her expertise in complex trauma, the impact of violence, crisis management, counseling, and trauma-informed care, has allowed her to partner with professionals around the development of trauma-informed practices in a multitude of settings.



As an independent consultant and adjunct faculty member at the Gonzaga University School of Education in the Counselor Education Department, Kristin now provides critical professional development, consultation, education, and training services to schools, school districts, and organizations throughout the country. She has presented to hundreds of audiences, facilitated group learning, supervised internships, directed programs, and supported the learning and growth of countless educators, caregiving professionals, and other individuals.

The award-winning publication, *Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom Environment* (ASCD, 2016) and many articles published in education journals, her most recent “*Responding with Care to Students Facing Trauma*,” (December 2017/January 2018) have strengthened Kristin's impact in education. For more information visit her website <https://www.fosteringresilientlearners.org/> on Twitter @KristinKSouers or email KSouers@comcast.net.

MTASCD Board Meetings and Best Practices Calendar:

September 20-21, 2018

MTASCD Board Meeting / C3 Social Studies Framework & the Whole Child
SAM Office, Helena, Montana

October 17-19, 2018

Montana Conference of Education Leadership (MCEL)
Missoula, Montana

November 29-30, 2018

MTASCD Board Meeting / Habits of Mind as a Bridge to SS, Math, Science & ELA
Willson School, Bozeman, Montana

February 27, 2019

MTASCD Board Meeting / Whole Child, SEL, & Trauma Informed Practices
Canyon Creek School, Billings, Montana

June 17, 2018

MBI Week
MSU Bozeman, Montana

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