Celebrating 25 Years of Student Engagement (1990-2015)

Check & Connect’s 1st National Conference
October 7-8, 2015 (register by September 18)
McNamara Alumni Center
University of Minnesota - Minneapolis

Pre-Conference Implementation Training
October 6, 2015
Discounted pre-conference training for administrators interested in exploring the steps for implementing Check & Connect at their site.

Of the dropout prevention interventions reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education’s What Works Clearinghouse in 2006, Check & Connect is the only program found to have strong evidence of positive effects on staying in school.

Join us in celebrating the first 25 years of Check & Connect across the U.S. and abroad. Check & Connect is an intervention designed to enhance student engagement at school and with learning for marginalized, disengaged students in grades K-12, through relationship building, problem solving and capacity building, and persistence.

Speakers
Over 35 researchers, practitioners, and trainers will present on student engagement among at-risk youth and/or provide lessons learned on implementing and sustaining Check & Connect with fidelity. Speakers include—

- Sandra Christenson, University of Minnesota (Check & Connect founding researcher)
- Ann Masten, University of Minnesota (author of Ordinary Magic: Resilience in Development)
- Jim Appleton, Gwinnett Public Schools (lead author of the Student Engagement Instrument)
- Kimberly Boyd, Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Derek Peterson, International Institute for Student Support
- Kent Pekel, Search Institute
- Judge Dan Heath, Allen County Superior Court
- Amy Susman-Stillman, Center for Early Education and Development
- Researchers and implementers from around the US and in New Zealand

Breakouts
Five sets of breakout sessions are arranged into 4 tracks:
1. Stories from Check & Connect Sites
2. Tips for Implementing Check & Connect
3. Sustaining Check & Connect
4. Research on Student Engagement

Who Should Attend
This event is geared towards professionals interested in K-12 student engagement, retention, and dropout prevention. Prior experience implementing Check & Connect is not required.
**Agenda**
The 2-day conference agenda and 1-day training agenda with start/end times are online at checkandconnect.umn.edu.

**Travel and Lodging**
Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements. Cost of travel, lodging, and additional meals are not covered by the registration fee. Nearby lodging options (walking distance or with free shuttle service):

- **The Commons Hotel** *(nearest hotel)*
  615 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
  800-822-6757 • 612-379-8888
  (Discounted rooms available when you reference UM Institute on Community Integration by August 3, 2015)

- **Courtyard by Marriott, Minneapolis**
  1500 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55454
  612-333-4646 • www.courtyard.com/mspdc

- **Aloft Minneapolis Hotel**
  900 Washington Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55415
  612-455-8400 • www.aloftminneapolis.com

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**Cost**
Continental breakfast and lunch served both days. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available at the Wednesday evening networking reception.

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**Location**
University of Minnesota
McNamara Alumni Center,
1890 Oak Street,
Minneapolis, MN 55455.

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**To Register**
You may register for the conference and/or training at checkandconnect.umn.edu/conf by 9/18/15. Credit card and purchase order (PO) payments accepted.

If paying by PO:
- Make payable to "The Regents of the University of Minnesota".
- Obtain PO number and billing contact name and phone prior to registering.
- If your organization is tax exempt, include a copy of the exemption certificate with your materials.
- Upon registering, mail, email, or fax registration confirmation with PO (and certificate, if applicable) to:
  - Check & Connect - University of Minnesota Institute on Community Integration
  6 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive SE
  Minneapolis, MN 55455
  checkandconnect@umn.edu
  612-624-9344 (fax)
- Payment must be received by 9/23/15.

**Refund Policy**
If you cancel your registration on or before 9/23/15, you will receive a refund of your payment minus a $100 administrative fee. Note that if you are not able to attend, you may substitute another person to attend by editing your registration online. If you cancel your registration after 9/23/15, you will not be refunded.

**Register by September 18, 2015**
Early bird deadline August 21, 2015

**Questions?**
Check & Connect at U of MN
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