About The Presenter

David Landis is a Nebraska state senator, an award-winning teacher and a skilled negotiator in the public arena. He currently chairs the Revenue Committee for the Nebraska Unicameral. Many of the 300 bills he has passed in his 28 years in the Unicameral have been consensus measures forged by negotiation that brought contesting parties to agreement. Senator Landis has brokered legislative agreements between seemingly intractable foes. He has passed legislation to create a statewide network of mediation centers, established a system for negotiated administrative rulemaking in state government, extended the use of arbitration to resolve disputes and created the state labor-management collective bargaining system.

His skills have been developed in training seminars at Harvard, MIT, and the University of Illinois. Currently he teaches lawyers and graduate public administrators to negotiate at the University of Nebraska College of Law and the Department of Public Administration. Senator Landis has been awarded the Best Teacher award at Doane College three times. He has also presented numerous workshops to a wide variety of organizations.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.A.(1970), Juris Doctor (1971), has a Masters in Public Administration (1984), and a Masters in Regional and Community Planning (1995). David is married to Melodee Ann McPherson, and has two children, Matthew and Melissa. He enjoys music, theater, and doing a radio show on the weekends.
CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Goals for the Conference:
This interactive workshop will link two ideas, creative problem solving and conflict resolution. Dealing with difficult consumers, co-workers, support staff, and people in the community can produce strained relationships and unproductive, unsatisfactory outcomes. Rather than fighting over differences, exploring creative options may provide solutions that are efficient and mutually acceptable.

We will explore the steps of the creative problem solving method authored by Alex Osborn in Conceptual Blockbusting. We will link that method to the concepts of win/win conflict resolution advocated by Harvard’s Roger Fisher in Getting to the Yes. The day will be filled with activities and culminate in a six-sided problem, dealing with creating a collaborative community social services strategy.

Creating options, finding solutions, and producing lasting, efficient results, are the aims of the techniques and methods covered by this workshop.

Agenda

Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18, 2006

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.  Registration / Continental Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  Creative Problem Solving
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.  Break
10:45 - Noon  Creative Problem Solving continuation
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch (provided)
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.  Conflict Resolution
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.  Break
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  Conflict Resolution continuation

This conference meets the criteria for an approved continuing education program for Mental Health Practitioners and Social Workers.

May 17, 2006
Holiday Inn Express Hotel
300 Holiday Frontage Road
North Platte, NE 69101

May 18, 2006
Lancaster County Extension Building
444 Cherry Creek Road
Lincoln, NE 68528

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Registration Form

Please sign me up for the ACP Conference in:
  ☐ North Platte (May, 17, 2006)
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