

### PROGRAM

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m. **Registration and Continental** Breakfast

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Morning session: Keynote

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch: Sit-down lunch included in your registration!

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session:

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### Bringing the community to you!

#### 3-half hour sessions with time for questions

It is important to understand the community where our students live. Since going into the community as such a large group presents many hurdles, we have decided to bring the community to you! Also included is a strategy that can be used within your communities!

Ka Ni Kanichihk (pronounced Ga Ni

Manitoba Association of Secondary Teachers of At-Risk Students

# **Community Connections:** Seeking Shelter from the Storm

Winnipeg Winter Club, 200 River Avenue

# KEYNOTE

### **Turning Risk Into Reward** Marc Kuly

It is likely that every teacher who has worked with students who are labelled at-risk has faced a similar dilemma. Our students' challenges and stumbling blocks can obscure the view of their strengths - even from their own eyes. And yet, without bringing our student's strengths into the light we have dim prospects for helping them find success. This keynote will offer an invitation to look at the community cultural wealth that all of our students possess and challenge all of us to find ways to welcome it into our practice.



Marc Kuly, M.Ed is a teacher, storyteller and dad. He works with students and teachers in Winnipeg's inner city to build community, storytelling and thoughtful human connection into classroom life. Marc has told stories and given lectures on his own and with his students across the city and the country Code: AM-1

Ganichick) means "those who lead" in the Ininew (Cree). Led by visionary community leaders and Elders who understood the significance of culturally-based and Aboriginal-led services and leadership to social transformation, both on an individual and collective basis and who courageously and tenaciously set about the tasks of bringing their vision to action. Ka Ni Kanichihk provides a culturally safe environment where the greatness and gifts of all peoples are honoured and where our cultural practices and values are practiced and Aboriginal people can "just be who we naturally are."

Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY) is

a non-profit street-level agency working with street-entrenched and homeless youth up to the age of 29. RaY is nonjudgmental and non-partisan, employing a harm reduction approach to all interactions with youth in need.

NCSALS: Our very own Vice-President Tracey Smith will provide an overview and discussion of a new Manitoba Education initiative entitled Non-Credit Specialized Alternative Learning Strategy (NCSALs). This strategy is available for all Manitoba School Divisions, and is attached to the Learning to 18 initiative. Code: PM-1

# REGISTRATION

We've listened to your feedback and changed our venue in order to provide you with the best MTSPDD possible! We sold out last year so register early: Limited seating!

Full day conference registration includes continental breakfast and sit-down lunch!

#### Conference Fee MASTARS member\* and MTSPDD conference fee......\$80 Non-member MTSPDD conference fee.....\$100

\*Remember: MASTARS members are eligible to nominate students for the Victor Thiessen Memorial Scholarship this \$500 scholarship is offered yearly and is only available to students of MASTARS members. Members also receive our newsletter with exclusive information on upcoming MTSPDD sessions.

\*Please note that you may be filmed or photographed at this event for the purposes of MASTARS newsletters, mainstream print and electronic media, social media and live video streaming to satellite locations.\*

No half day registrations accepted. No student rates.

There are no walk-up registrations accepted.

Please mail completed registrations forms and full payment (please make cheques payable to MASTARS) to: Susan Tozer c/o Tec Voc High School 1555 Wall Street Winnipeg, Mb R3E 2S2 Email: stozer@wsd1.org (no email/ phone registrations accepted) Phone: 1-204-786-1401

#### Please note:

Registrations will not be processed until payment and completed registration form is received. Register by September 30, to be eligible for the early bird prize of a \$25 registration rebate at the 2015 conference. Hurry! Space is limited and there is no walk up registrations accepted. We sell out every year! Check us out online at: www.mastars. weebly.com.