

HowardCenter

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HowardCenter Employees in the News

Dr. Anthony Quintiliani, Clinical Director of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services at HowardCenter, delivered the keynote address at the Seventh Annual Vermont Collaboration Conference on Children, Youth & Families in October at the Killington Grand Hotel, Killington, VT. The presentation focused on the positive effects of mindfulness-based training on our interaction with others and our capacity to collaborate.

Tuipate Mubiay, MSW, HowardCenter's Diversity Coordinator, led a six-person panel to address an audience of social workers and other clinicians in October at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. The theme for the discussion was "Building on Strengths: The Refugee Story." Mubiay is Vice President of the Vermont Chapter, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and is a member of the Association's Diversity Committee.

HowardCenter Developmental Services Director **Marie Zura**; DS Director of Children and Family Services, **Cathie Buscaglia**; Self Advocate **Christine Lamphere**; and DS Safety Connection Coordinator **Jim Hessler** traveled to Dublin, Ireland, to present workshops at Ireland's National Disability Association's (NDA) annual conference. The group discussed HowardCenter's programs that enable clients with developmental disabilities to live full lives within the community, as Ireland is moving from institutionalization to community support for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Kristie Reed, LICSW, INCLUSION Program Director; **Jennifer Uttecht**, PsyD, INCLUSION Clinical Director, and **Debbie Mintz**, MSW, Students FIRST Project Director presented workshops at the national Conference on Advancing School Mental Health in Minneapolis, Minnesota in early November.

Bob Bick, Director of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services at Howard Center, appeared as a guest on Jane Lindholm's Vermont Public Radio show, "Vermont Edition," in September to discuss substance abuse in Vermont. In October, National Mental Illness Awareness Month, Bick also represented HowardCenter in a panel discussion, "Mental Illness in Vermont," which aired in October on Vermont Public Television' show *Public Square*.