

INVITATION – Special opportunity to hear from leading international expert in Youth Mentoring

The New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network warmly invites you to a presentation by Professor Michael J. Karcher from the University of Texas and co-editor of both editions of the Handbook of Youth Mentoring.

Professor Michael J. Karcher
Leading U.S. mentoring researcher



Mentoring the mentors - Who, why, and how to do it

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015 4.30pm - 6.30pm

SESSION OVERVIEW

**You know this but your funders may not:
Mentoring matches don't run themselves.**

If every child had an enduring, focused, and meaningful natural mentoring relationship in his or her life, you'd be out of a job—gladly. But they don't, and so your job is secure. But what is your job? How do you explain it to others, and how do you yourself understand what you do, how to do it, and why it is so important?

Findings from longitudinal research looking at a collaboratively developed school-agency (mentoring programme for teens) in the United States and building on several other studies from the States and New Zealand, this talk will reveal what we know about how agency and programme staff can best facilitate longer and stronger

matches. This talk could help you more successfully secure programme funding, better articulate your core job duties to others (and yourself), but most importantly may help you more effectively influence the establishment of healthy, meaningful, and enduring mentoring relationships for youth.

BIO

Michael J. Karcher, Ed.D., Ph.D., is an internationally recognised expert in youth mentoring. He is a Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He received doctorates in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University (1997) and in Counselling Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin (1999).

He conducts research on school-based and cross-age peer mentoring as well as on adolescent connectedness and pair counselling. He authored the Cross-age Mentoring Programme (CAMP) and conducted one of the first large-scale school-based mentoring studies, the Study of Mentoring in the Learning Environment (SMILE, 2003-2006). With David L. DuBois, Professor Karcher co-edited the Handbook of Youth Mentoring (2005; 2014) and co-edited with Michael Nakkula, Play, talk, learn: Promising practices in youth mentoring (2010).

He is on the editorial board for several national journals and the research and advisory boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership.

VENUE

One Tree Hill College, 421-451 Great South Road, Penrose. Marilyn Wales Auditorium. Entrance to the right of main school reception.

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