

Glacier Presbytery Retreat

February 24 & 25 @ First Presbyterian Church of Helena

Children, Youth *and* Trauma



Have you ever encountered a child or youth that you just could not relate to nor understand why they act the way they do? Difficulties in child development often are associated with complex emotional trauma. These special needs youth are often misunderstood, leading to poor assessments, misguided interventions and multiple academic and out-of-home placements.

Caregivers, pastors, church educators and leaders are frequently frustrated and repelled by the powerful repertoire of emotional and behavioral difficulties. The emotional and behavioral difficulties compound over time and are increasingly resistant to intervention and change. Across time, these high-risk youth fail and are failed by academic

and social systems that focus on symptoms and don't understand their central issues. With a developmental lens, this presentation will focus upon the impact of complex trauma upon the developing brain of children and youth and the untoward emotional, social, and psychological impacts.

Led by Jim Fitzgerald

CEO of Intermountain

Jim joined Intermountain in 1978, working as a cottage counselor in the residential services program. Prior to becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2001, Jim was Director of Operations, working in all facets of program development, training, policy, and finance.

Throughout his career, Jim has focused the agency upon strengthening families and improving society's ability to provide prevention, protection, treatment and permanency for all vulnerable youth. Working with a dynamic Board and staff, he is responsible for guiding the vision and mission of Intermountain, and transforming Intermountain into a nationally recognized children's mental health agency.

Jim holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of California, a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Montana.



Saturday 12:30 – Sunday 12:30

Fee: \$20 (includes Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch, presentation and materials)

For more information or to register:

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Glacier Presbytery Retreats are open to everyone!