

# Featuring



Sasha Joseph Neulinger



Sasha Joseph Neulinger is the Founder and President of Voice For The Kids, and Co-founder and Head of Production at Step 1 Films. Sasha travels nationally as a public speaker, advocating for reforms in child advocacy and child abuse prevention. In 2015, Sasha presented at TEDxBozeman - his TED Talk, "Trauma Is Irreversible. How It Shapes Us Is Our Choice," has been viewed over a quarter of a million times to date, reaching survivors internationally. Sasha was Keynote Speaker at the 28th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference where he spoke to over 4,200 men and women representing all 50 states and 28 other nations in the fight against child abuse, and in June 2018, Sasha had the honor of being the opening Plenary Speaker at the 2018 National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. In April, 2019, his autobiographical, feature length documentary, "REWIND," had its world premiere at the 2019 Tribeca Film Festival where it received a special Jury Mention. REWIND had its US Television Premiere on May 11, part of PBS' independent Lens Lineup, where the film reached 280 million households nation wide. REWIND is now available to stream on Apple, Amazon and Google Play.

## ***Plenary Session: Redicovering the Beauty Within***

In his candid personal memoir, Sasha Joseph Neulinger revisits his childhood and the events that tore apart his seemingly-perfect world. For as long as Neulinger can remember, his father was constantly filming— from birthday parties, to hockey games, to holidays. But his camera, trained on the frequent gatherings of a tight-knit family, was also documenting a hidden secret, the revelation of which would lead to a media firestorm, a high-stakes court battle, and a generational reckoning.

Drawing upon an incredibly revealing home video archive, Neulinger revisits these events 20 years later to piece together an unflinching story of the cycles and consequences of abuse, to examine what it means to heal, and to use those experiences to effect positive change in the world. REWIND probes the gap between image and reality and proves just how little, and how much, a camera can capture.

## ***Workshop: Screening of Rewind with Q&A***

Participants will have the opportunity to view Sasha's film, REWIND and then engage in a question and answer session with Sasha following the screening of the film.

# Featuring Dr. Bryan Pearlman



Dr. Bryan Pearlman is a veteran educator and school administrator, PD leader, keynote speaker, and adjunct professor. He is the author of the book, *Whatever It Takes For All Students To Succeed In School and Life*, released in January 2019. Dr. Pearlman is the founder and head trainer of Most Valuable Professional Development, LLC and the co-founder and board member of the mental health non-profit [DSMHW.org](https://www.dsmhw.org). His expertise is trauma, challenging behaviors and helping all children/teens to succeed. In the past two years, Dr. Pearlman has presented to over 30,000 people. He is regularly asked to provide keynote addresses, featured presentations, and trainings for state, regional and national organizations.

## **Plenary Session:**

### **Whatever It Takes For All Students To Succeed In School And Life**

"Whatever It Takes" is the title of a new book by Dr. Bryan Pearlman. This has also been his motto and mission for decades. He shares his own personal struggles as a student and his successes as a teacher and administrator helping students with challenging behaviors and those that have been traumatized. Dr. Pearlman infuses many stories, strategies, and out of the box ideas for helping all students to be successful in this engaging presentation.

## **Workshop:**

### **I'm Sad, Mad & Traumatized & You Still Expect Me To Learn?**

Students that have experienced trauma are coming to our schools in record numbers. Our hearts bleed for these kids, but empathy is not enough. We still have to set the bar high and help all students to reach their potential. Current research, data, stories, and many strategies will be shared with participants in this interactive training.

# What's Happening in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare

**Bill Prince**



**Tammy Walden**



**Teri Armistead**



**Bev Newman**



This plenary session will be a panel of juvenile justice experts that will examine current legal, legislative, and trending issues in juvenile justice and child welfare.

Panelists: Tammy Walden, Chief Juvenile Officer, 26<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Bill Prince, Chief Juvenile Officer 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit/MJJA Policy Team Chairman; Bev Newman, Court Programs Manager, Office of State Courts Administrator; Teri Armistead, Deputy Director, Missouri Children's Division.