

Nurture CIRCLE

FOR ANNE CARLSEN CENTER FAMILIES

September 2008 Upcoming Trainings

Pathfinder Annual Conference
April 16-17

Doublewood Inn, Bismarck
Training Description: Speaker
Rick Lavoie, best known for his
videos and books about developmen-
tal disabilities in children.

Lavoie's movies include "How Diffi-
cult Can This Be? the F.A.T. City
Workshop", "Last One Picked, First
One Picked On: The Social Implica-
tions of Learning Disabilities", and
"Motivation Breakthrough". He has
also authored the books "It's So
Much Work To Be Your Friend:
Helping the Child With Learning
Disabilities Find Social Success" and
"The Motivation Breakthrough: 6
Secrets to Turning on the Tuned-
Out Child." Movies and books will be
available at the conference.

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Secondary Sight

Strandberg analyzes behaviors with experience, expertise

It's amazing how asking the question
why leads to so many answers.

For helping individuals with disabili-
ties, the three let-
ters in *why*
serve as a
gateway to
answers –
answers that
give individu-
als a mean-
ingful
life.



That is the charge of Kim Strand-
berg, the Anne Carlsen Center's Out-
reach Behavior Support Coordinator.

She examines the behaviors of stu-
dents and adults, putting her expert-
ise and training to work in real-world

situations if an individual is having
difficulties in a classroom or office.

"We take a look at the person, but
also at their environment – factors
like lighting, noise level, their desk,"
explained Strandberg. "There is so
much to look at when you do an as-
sessment."

A naturally-curious person by na-
ture, her personality has served as
a true asset for Strandberg and
the people she and the Anne
Carlsen Center serves.

Studying Behaviors

Watching people is where
the job of a behavioralist be-
gins. On average, Strand-
berg examines a subject for a
session lasting a minimum of
an hour. She may use one or
multiple sessions to compile
data for a positive behavior sup-
port report that will serve as the
foundation for change. This report
defines what problems the behav-
ioralist sees and explores suggestions
that could correct those problems.

Much of the data collection includes
defining parameters for what a suc-

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