

Craig A. Knippenberg, LCSW, M.Div.

Craig earned a master's degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Denver and a Master of Divinity, focusing on pastoral counseling, from the Iliff School of Theology. A licensed social worker, Craig developed The *CONNECT* Group Model™ and has supervised the program for the past twenty-eight years. Craig is a member of the Board of Trustees for Denver Academy, one of the nation's largest schools for children with differentiated learning needs, and a consultant for St. Anne's Episcopal School. Craig is co-founder of the Neurobehavioral Training Center of Denver and a national lecturer on social and emotional growth and self-esteem. He is a former president of the Attention Deficit Disorder Advocacy Group and a former board member of the Colorado Tourette Syndrome Association. Craig has been a presenter for two years at the UC Davis M.I.N.D Institute. In 2008 the Denver Foundation honored him with the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award.

Lisa M. Patterson, MA, LPC

A licensed professional counselor, Lisa has worked with Craig Knippenberg for eighteen years facilitating groups in The *CONNECT* Group Model™, and trains other professionals in this model. Lisa has a master's degree from the University of Colorado in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in marriage and family (1993). Her dual and complimentary careers as a teacher (Lisa had a twenty-six year career as an elementary school teacher in the Jefferson County School District in Colorado) and a child and family therapist have given her special insight as a consultant who understands the pressures and expectations her young clients and their parents face, and gains her particular credibility with their teachers, school social workers and administrators.

**www.connect-groups.com
Ph. 303-756-4924 Ex. 8**

Knippenberg, Patterson and Associates
2833 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite 2445
Denver, CO 80222

**Knippenberg,
Patterson & Associates**

2833 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite 2445
Denver, CO 80222
Phone: 303.756.4924 Ex. 8

CONNECT

THE CONNECT GROUP MODEL™

*Training Educators
and Mental Health
Professionals in
Psychosocial
Group Therapy
for Neurologically
Exceptional Children,
Adolescents and
Young Adults*

www.connect-groups.com

A Training Program for Therapists, Educators, Social workers and School Psychologists

Professionals will learn how to conduct effective and cost efficient social/emotional groups for use in schools and outpatient settings, as well as classroom interventions for addressing emotional/self-esteem development.

The *CONNECT* Group Model™ is the fruit of our combined 46 years experience in group work with children of all ages with neurobehavioral disorders. Our research-based model has helped thousands of exceptional individuals living with neurological challenges to learn relationship and social/emotional skills. Our model is research and brain based, employing a cognitive/behavioral approach. Specifically, we work with children who struggle in social settings with performance-based deficits like ADHD, and knowledge-based deficits such as nonverbal learning disorder and/or autism spectrum disorders. You will learn to help your group members:

- Get along with others
- Make and keep friends
- Handle and express frustration
- Improve self-esteem and self-confidence
- Learn cooperation
- Practice problem solving and conflict resolution
- Prevent and handle teasing

We will train you to create an engaging and fun environment using group discussion, role-play and other structured activities to illustrate cooperation, sharing and teamwork. Your clients will practice nonverbal communication and the awareness of their own and others' feelings, along with emotional self-regulation.

www.connect-groups.com
Ph. 303-756-4924 Ex. 8

CONNECT Group Model Benefits

For Educators and School Mental Health Professionals

- Learn to run an effective group within your classroom or as a pull-out program
- Turbocharge existing social/emotional curriculums
- Use new brain research to teach social development
- Fulfill IEP/504 using a research based group model
- Serve more clients with fewer clinical resources

For Private Practice Mental Health Professionals

- Groups aid in revenue generation in difficult economic times-serve more clients with fewer clinical resources
- Learn innovative techniques
- Engages child's/parents' natural desire for friendship
- Name recognition with The *CONNECT* Group Model™ will enhance your marketing
- Groups allow for defining/mastery of age appropriate emotional/self-esteem development, as well as direct interventions in modifying dysfunctional behaviors

What You Will Receive

A day long seminar in which we will train you and/or your staff in both the theory and practice of The *CONNECT* Group Model™, as well as the marketing and financial management. At our Denver location you will have the opportunity for live observation of the *CONNECT* groups. We tailor the seminar to your specific needs and environment.

Cost

- Single participant \$500.00
- Each additional participant in a group . . . \$325.00
- Four required phone/video consultations
(one or more people, licensed supervision) \$300.00
- Each additional phone consultation \$75.00

Location

Seminars are held in beautiful Denver, Colorado, though we can arrange to travel to your location (additional costs apply). See our website for upcoming seminar schedule & registration. **Register online and receive free** bonus 3 hour lecture on the social, emotional and self-esteem issues for exceptional children as presented nationally at the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute's summer symposium!

About Knippenberg, Patterson and Associates

Since 1986, Craig Knippenberg, now Knippenberg, Patterson and Associates, has been providing excellent, client centered care, specializing in group work with preschool age children through young adults with neurobehavioral disorders-ADD, ADHD, and autism spectrum disorders. The practice has grown to include 15 therapists running over 25 groups annually, and has served thousands of children.

We also conduct seminars, lectures, and presentations on the challenges that neurobehavioral disorders present in work environments, schools, and the home. We offer a range of consulting services to schools, equipping teachers and support personnel to effectively serve these special-needs students.

What Others Have Said

"Best workshop I have ever attended on this subject-I wish I could do an internship with your program."

~Patty VanAlstine Family Case Manager

"This was, overall, one of the most helpful seminars I have attended in twenty-five years of teaching."

~Helen Ramsay, Teacher of Exceptional Children.

"Material presented in a straight, down-to-earth way-informative and enjoyable, humorous and heart-warming. All of us who deal with attention disordered kids need to be reminded that we're not alone."

~Frank and Chris Barnard, Parents and Teachers

"Such great information and useful tips for working with exceptional kids."

"The way Craig presented-it really portrayed the way kids with ADHD think and operate."

"Craig . . . answered questions, gave examples, and added humor to make his presentation my favorite."

~Comments from the Colorado School Social Work Conference