

Staff Available for Training or Consultation

How We Might Assist You

The center's staff includes the faculty of Trinity Lutheran College's Children, Youth & Family Studies and Early Childhood Education programs. They are available to congregations and organizations for consultation, workshops, training events, or conference leadership.

Examples of how we might help you include:

- providing a training or enrichment event for those who work or volunteer in early childhood education, Christian education, or youth and family ministry
- working with church or organization leadership to re-envision ministry
- teaching about current trends in children, youth and family ministry
- assisting a planning team in developing an effective ministry program
- suggesting appropriate resources for local use
- building partnerships with multiple professionals, volunteers, and/or organizations
- long-term coaching and consultation

Availability, Scheduling and Fees

Availability is at the discretion of each staff person. All scheduling and financial arrangements are made directly with the individual.

Resource Persons Available to Your Organization

The following individuals are able to assist your organization as representatives of the Children, Youth & Family Center:



Susan Houglum, M.Ed.

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Sue serves as Professor & Chair of Early Childhood Education and also teaches courses in children's ministry, child development, and Christian education. Prior to joining Trinity, she directed congregational-based music ministries, operated early childhood education centers, and taught college-level courses. Sue holds an M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Vanderbilt University, with an emphasis in preschool education.

Areas of specialty and interest:

- Teaching methodologies for children, youth and adults
- Planning and evaluating effective Christian education programs
- Children's and family ministry
- Intergenerational ministries
- Confirmation ministries
- Teaching about liturgy and the church year
- Sociological effects on children and youth



Rev. David Ellingson, D.Min.

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Dave is Professor of Children, Youth & Family Studies and teaches courses in youth and family ministry, Christian education, and spirituality. Before joining the college faculty, he served the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Region 1 Office as Congregational Ministries Coordinator. He has also served as a parish pastor and campus pastor. Dave holds an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and a D.Min. from Claremont School of Theology.

Areas of specialty and interest:

- Long-term coaching for congregational youth and family ministry
- Biblical and theological foundations for faith formation
- Youth and family-friendly worship
- Creating family faith rituals
- Spirituality and youth ministry
- Technology and multimedia use in ministry
- Health and wholeness
- Men's ministry and retreats



Mark Jackson, M.A., M.N.M.

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Mark serves as Professor & Chair of Children, Youth & Family Studies and teaches courses in youth ministry, program planning, and organization administration. He has experience in congregational youth and family ministry, Christian education, and nonprofit administration. Mark holds master's degrees in pastoral ministry from Gonzaga University and nonprofit management from Regis University.

Areas of specialty and interest:

- Developing holistic youth and family ministry programs
- Biblical and theological foundations for faith formation
- Youth leadership training
- Small group leadership training
- Service learning and meaningful mission/service experiences
- Retreat and conference planning
- Church and nonprofit management

Other Resource Persons

If the Children, Youth & Family Center cannot provide you with the appropriate person for your needs, we will try to provide names and contact information for other individuals with whom we work closely that might better serve you or your organization.