

**You are invited to join us  
for a learning experience with**

# **David Pitonyak**

on

## **The Importance of Belonging**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017 IN Norton Shores, Michigan  
at the Lakeshore Regional Entity Office  
5000 Hakes Dr., Suite 250  
FROM 9:00-4:00**

Individuals who have challenging behaviors are often limited in the opportunities and possibilities for a meaningful life in the community. Being connected to the people we love is critical to our emotional and physical well-being. David Pitonyak, Ph.D. presents ideas for moving beyond interventions and coverage to a system that supports enduring, freely chosen relationships.

David Pitonyak's work addresses approaches to difficult behaviors. He believes that difficult behaviors are "messages" which can tell us important things about a person and his or her surroundings. Understanding the "meaning" of an individual's difficult behaviors is the first step in supporting the person, and that person's supporters, to change.

**Learn more about David Pitonyak on his website:** [www.dimage.com](http://www.dimage.com)

The workshop is open to 50 people and is designed for people with developmental/intellectual disabilities and their families, direct support providers and other professionals working with people with developmental/intellectual disabilities.

**Reservations are required.** You can register for the workshop by emailing Bill Phelps ([billp@lsre.org](mailto:billp@lsre.org)). Please write David Pitonyak Workshop in your email subject line.

Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and you will receive a confirmation email after 10/3 confirming your registration. The LRE reserves the right to prioritize seating for family members and individuals served.

There is no cost to attend this workshop. There will be a one hour lunch (which is not provided). There will be coffee, water and light snacks available throughout the workshop.

For more information, contact Bill Phelps ([billp@lsre.org](mailto:billp@lsre.org) or 231-769-2150)