

MCDES Spring Conference
May 4, 2012

**Skillfully Guiding People to Their Best Possible End-Of-Life Experience:
Critical Thinking and Coaching**

Gary Gardia, Speaker

**Conference brochure and online registration will be available
by mid-March, 2012. Please check back then.**

Gary Gardia, MEd, LCSW, CT, began his career 25 years ago as a volunteer. Since then he has worked in many capacities leading a variety of teams and departments including volunteers, social workers, bereavement professionals, and educators. He is a Certified Thanatologist (CT) and holds Master degrees in Education and Social Work. He has also worked as a psychotherapist in private practice with a specialty in grief and loss, personal growth and development, and substance abuse. As an engaging and thought-provoking presenter, Gary is regularly invited to share his ideas at state and national hospice and palliative care organization's educational conferences.

In this full day conference Gary will provide MCDES members with the skills necessary to engage in thinking critically about the dynamics of balancing "our work" with the "work" of those whom we are assisting. Gary's professional commitment is to focus on skills development, coach for noticeable and positive change, and define/deliver exceptional customer service. Join us on Friday, May 4, 2012, for this experience with Gary Gardia that will enhance the skills of all of us.