Donald Guernsey has years of experience facilitating Nurturing Parenting Programs. He has facilitated both home based and group based programs. With over 20 years of experience working with youth and families in residential and home based settings, Don is very familiar with developing, implementing and evaluating Nurturing Parenting Programs in a variety of settings.

In addition to Don’s experience working with Nurturing Parenting Programs, he has been a trained Wraparound Facilitator and Supervisor for 14 years, Adjunct Faculty for Central Michigan University and Grace Bible College, and Director of Behavioral Health for Eagle Village.

Don is the father of four children and has eight grandchildren. As a father and professional, Don brings his many life experiences, which are often quite humorous, into his training for enjoyable and informative sessions.

Educational Background
- MS, specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy, Northern Illinois University
- B.A.A., majoring in Psychology and Family Studies, Central Michigan University

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Since 1968 Eagle Village has lived out the mission of helping kids and families in Michigan. We believe that stronger families ultimately mean stronger communities so we try to help families succeed in any way we can.

- Residential Treatment for Ages 10-17
- Adoption and Foster Care
- Short-Term Youth Intervention Programs
- Specialized Summer Camps
- Victor’s Edge Mentality Training
- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychological Services

September 16, 17, & 18
Sessions daily from 8:30am-4:30pm
at Eagle Village located in Hersey, MI
The Nurturing Parenting Programs are family based programs with a proven track record of preventing the recurrence of child abuse and neglect.

Four levels of Nurturing Programs address the specific needs of different populations:

1) **Primary Prevention Education Programs** are designed to empower individuals and families with new knowledge, beliefs, strategies and skills to make good and healthy lifestyle choices.

2) **Secondary Prevention Intervention Programs** are designed for at-risk youth, teen parents, and families experiencing mild to moderate levels of individual and family dysfunction.

3) **Tertiary Prevention Treatment Programs** are designed for families referred for parenting education by Social Services/Mental Health for child abuse and neglect and/or family dysfunction.

4) **Comprehensive Programs** are designed for agencies to offer more comprehensive and long-term parenting education.

This 3-day training will cover the structure and values of this program, developing the skills and tools for using the Nurturing Program, and implementation, with special emphasis on facilitating groups and clinical services.

The philosophy of the Nurturing Program emphasizes the importance of raising children in a warm, trusting and caring environment. It is founded on the belief that children who are cared for develop the capacity to trust, care and respect themselves, others, living creatures and their environment.

This philosophy is founded on 7 principles:

1. **Feelings of attachment**
2. **Empathy**
3. **Nurturing Oneself**
4. **Gentle Touch**
5. **Discipline**
6. **Expressing Feelings**
7. **Expectations & Self Worth**