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Terry Clark-Jones MS - Senior Extension Educator
Terry Clark-Jones has been a Senior Extension Educator with Michigan State University Extension for over 35 years. Her areas of specialty are housing, financial management, and social emotional education. Terry received a BS in and a MS from Eastern Michigan University. She is a Certified Family Life Educator and has been a MSHDA and NCHEC (HUD) Certified Housing Counselor since 2001.

Hanna Hotchkiss BS - Program Instructor
Hanna Hotchkiss has been a Program Instructor with Michigan State University for three years. Her area of expertise is in social emotional health. Hanna received her BS degree from Michigan State University.

Speaker’s Synopsis: “Laughter is Good Medicine” is about the importance of humor in a person’s life to help maintain good health. As a result of attending this lecture participants will:

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