

Ohio's 4th Annual Special Education Leadership Conference - September 20-21, 2010 – Columbus Convention Center

INCLUSION WORKS!

Agenda for Monday, September 20, 2010

The theme of Ohio's 4th Annual Special Education Leadership Conference is INCLUSION WORKS! The purpose of the Conference is to provide a balanced program of knowledge and skill development about inclusive practices that are based on research and best practice.

The General Sessions of the 2010 Conference begin at 1 PM on Monday, September 20, and the 56 breakout sessions begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4 PM on Tuesday, September 21.

In keeping with the theme of the Conference, the Office for Exceptional Children is also sponsoring two half-day Master Sessions on Monday morning from 9 AM to 12:15 PM – one on Co-teaching presented by Marilyn Friend and one on Interventions & Connections presented by Toby Karten. Friend and Karten are nationally known for their seminars related to inclusive practices. See their bios for more information.

Also, on Monday morning from 9 AM to 12:15 PM, Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators (OAPSA) is sponsoring a Pre-Conference beginning with a panel of districts who will share how they have used their special education profile and monitoring plan to identify the needs of the district and to report on the results of the specialized programs that were selected and implemented to work toward continuous improvement.

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Two half-day Master Sessions sponsored by the Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) &

Pre-Conference Sessions co-sponsored by OEC & the Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators (OAPSA)

Mon, 9/20/10	Session Topics & Presenters	Location	Mon, 9/20/10	Session Topics & Presenters	Location
8:00 – 9:00	Registration & Coffee – outside Ballrooms				
9:00 – 12:15	OAPSA Pre-Conference Sessions A panel of districts will share how they used their special education profile and monitoring plan to identify the needs of the district. Panel members will report on the results of the specialized programs that were selected and implemented as they continue to work toward continuous improvement. Breakout sessions to discuss various aspects of the panel presentation will follow.	C120-C125	9:00 - 12:15	Including Students with Special Needs: Guidance for Classroom Teachers – Marilyn Friend This session provides classroom teachers with practical guidance on what they need to know and do when students with special needs are included in their classrooms; on factors that contribute to co-teaching's success and sustainability; and on what is essential for creating learning environments that meet the increasingly diverse needs of today's students. The task of addressing these diverse needs so all students can achieve their potential demands that educators draw on all the resources available to them.	C213-C216
			9:00 – 12:15	Interventions & Connections – Toby Karen This session offers an overview of inclusive principles along with practical applications of research-based	C210-C212

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				inclusion strategies within K-12 environments. Interventions and connections that honor students' academic and social needs along with ways to promote positive attitudes and increased knowledge about all abilities are emphasized. Specific student populations focused upon include students with learning differences, ADHD, autism, Aspergers, communication, developmental, emotional, and behavioral differences. Ideas to strengthen and promote effective collaboration and ongoing learning opportunities with all staff, students, and families will be shared.	
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch on Own				

All General Sessions will be held in Ballrooms 1 & 2

General Sessions – Monday Afternoon, September 20, 2010

Mon, 9/20/10	Session Topics & Presenters		
1:00 – 1:45	Welcome & General Session – Deborah S. Delisle, Superintendent of Public Instruction		
1:45 – 2:45	News from the Office for Exceptional Children – Kathe Shelby, Director, Office for Exceptional Children		
2:45 – 3:00	Break		
3:00 – 4:00	<p>Keynote - Marilyn Friend So Happy Together: Building and Sustaining Inclusive Practices through Collaboration</p> <p>Are there challenges to be faced in educating the tremendously diverse learners in today's schools? Of course. Is it possible to overcome these challenges? Absolutely. But with so much to know and do, how will we ever achieve our goals? Together—it's the only way, and in this affirming and inspiring session, Dr. Friend will explore how each person in schools plays a central—but not isolated—role helping students with disabilities to achieve their potential and how collaborative practices such as co-teaching can sustain school professionals as they engage in this vital work.</p>		
4:00 – 4:15	Break		
4:15 – 5:30	Panel –Kathe Shelby will facilitate panel of Marilyn Friend, Wendy Murawski, Ervin Knezek, and Toby Karten		
5:30 – 7:00	Reception & Vendor Displays - Participants will have the opportunity to see the offerings of the Conference Exhibitors and network with each other as they enjoy a reception with a cash bar.		