

AGENDA

- 8:30 - 8:50 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. **Keynote Session by Sue Zake, Director, Office for Exceptional Children, Ohio Dept. of Education:**
"Updates from our State Director"
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. **Sessions A:**
"Understanding the IEP"
"Waivers, Waivers and More Waivers!"
"Bullying"
"Emotions to Advocacy"
"Guardianship"
- 11:40 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. **Sessions B:**
"Ohio's Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities"
"Guardianship" *Repeat Session*
"Marching Successfully Through Transitions"
"Strategies to Support Positive Behavior in Your Home"
"INFOhio"
- 1:10 - 1:50 p.m. **LUNCH PROVIDED - PRESENTATION ON THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE**
- 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. **Sessions C:**
"Understanding the IEP" *Repeat Session*
"Dear Abby Responds! My child with a disability is or isn't on the path to earning a high school diploma, what do I need to do?"
"INFOhio" *Repeat Session*
"Strategies to Support Positive Behavior in Your Home" *Repeat Session*
"What is Epilepsy and What Do I Do as a Parent!"



There is no cost for attending the parent conference, but registration is required

- Conference Location: Miami Valley Regional Center
Region 10 - State Support Team
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Dayton, OH 45431
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Please note that there will be no childcare available

2013 Parent Conference

"Marching Through Special Education"



Saturday, March 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by:
Parent Advisory Council (PAC), Region 10 - State Support Team, Dayton Autism Society and Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association



KEYNOTE SESSION

Updates from the State Director (9:00 - 9:45 a.m.)
Presented by: Sue Zake, Director, Office for Exceptional Children, Ohio Department of Education

PLEASE PICK ONE BREAKOUT SESSION FROM SESSIONS A - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

PC1 Understanding the IEP
Presented by: Linda McDowell, Parent Mentor, Middletown City Schools and Carmella Friz, SST Consultant, Region 10 - State Support Team

Understanding the IEP process can help you to be an effective member of your child's IEP team. Learn what should be included in IEPs, what data to look for and tips for a successful IEP meeting!

PC2 Waivers, Waivers and More Waivers!
Presented by: Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services

What are waivers? What can they do for my child? Learn which waiver may be right for your child, what services the waiver provides and how to apply.

PC3 Bullying
Presented by: Sue Bitsko

According to research from Ohio: 80% of adolescents said they have been bullied at school; 71% of teachers or adults in the classroom ignored reports of bullying; and 10% of dropouts leave school because of repeated bullying. With this data, families need to know what to do and what they can expect schools to do. Participants in this workshop will develop an understanding of bullying (cyber bullying, too) and strategies to use in bullying situations.

PC4 Emotions to Advocacy
Presented by: Terri Doerr, Parent Mentor, Lakota Local Schools

Parenting can be a challenging job; raising a child with special needs can be especially overwhelming. This session will explore how we can use our emotions effectively to create positive partnerships with our schools and community.

PC5 Guardianship
Presented by: Jane Novick, Attorney and Counselor at Law

The following issues will be discussed: What is a Guardian; why does one seek to become a Guardian; the Guardianship application process; are there other ways to accomplish the same thing without becoming a Guardian; the difference between a Guardian and a Power of Attorney; the responsibilities of a Guardian; and is there recourse against someone that is not responsibly carrying out their guardianship duties.

PLEASE PICK ONE BREAKOUT SESSION FROM SESSIONS B - 11:40 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

PC6 Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities
Presented by: Carmella Friz, SST Consultant, Region 10 - State Support Team

The Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD) will be administered for the first time in the spring of 2013. The content of the AASCD is appropriately rigorous and aligned to the Ohio's Academic Content Standards - Extended. In this session you will learn differences between the old portfolio assessment and the new assessment.

PC7 Guardianship (Repeat Session)
Presented by: Jane Novick, Attorney and Counselor At Law

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PC8 Marching Successfully Through Transitions
Presented by: Linda Benham, Parent Mentor, Kettering City Schools, Stefanie Comperry, Parent, Beaver Creek City Schools, Cara Hume, Parent, Beaver Creek City Schools, Tracy Flanders, Parent, Kettering City Schools and Cathy Staton, Parent Mentor, Centerville/Oakwood City Schools

Transitioning is a routine part of school life for students with disabilities, preschool to elementary school to middle school to high school. Our panel of parents will share their experiences and knowledge gained while helping their own children move through transitions.

SESSIONS B CONTINUED - 11:40 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

PC9 Strategies to Support Positive Behavior in Your Home
Presented by: Mary Jane Karns, Behavior Consultant, Region 10 - State Support Team

Parents and their children often get into power struggles, which interfere with their family relationships. Participants will gain an understanding of how power struggles begin and how parents are the keys to diffusing the situation. Other topics that will be discussed include: the importance of consistency and communication between parents and children, the motivations behind problems in the home and how parents can avert behavioral meltdowns.

PC10 INFOhio
Presented by: Betsy Apolito, Director, Region 10 - State Support Team

21st century learning tools and electronic resources will be shared to help you help your child with homework, projects and other activities throughout the school year.

PLEASE PICK ONE BREAKOUT SESSION FROM SESSIONS C - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

PC11 Understanding the IEP (Repeat Session)
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PC12 Dear Abby Responds! My child with a disability is or isn't on the path to earning a high school diploma, what do I need to do?
Presented by: Marg Rehling, SST Consultant, Region 10 - State Support Team and Doris Condon, Parent, Kettering City Schools

This session will briefly review secondary transition and provide an interactive opportunity to discuss preparation for a successful secondary transition beginning as early as preschool. From life skills to social skills and everything in between, you will gain a new perspective and learn some effective strategies to help you and your child stay on course as you travel down the path to adulthood.

PC13 INFOhio (Repeat Session)
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PC15 What is Epilepsy and What Do I Do as a Parent!
Presented by: Katie Russell, Community Educator, Epilepsy Foundation of Western Ohio

In this session you will learn about seizure recognition, first aid, types of seizures and how to live well with seizures.

**1:00 - 1:50 P.M. - LUNCH PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL SESSION ON THE
THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE**



Did you know the Miami Valley Regional Center has a library for parents and educators to check out materials? It is located on the second floor! Don't forget to check it out!