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What's Working?

Fourth Annual Alternative Education Conference

A Hands-On Professional
Development Day for
Educators, Administrators,
and Counselors Who Work
with
Middle And High School
Special Needs Students

Friday, October 20, 2006

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Summit Center
at Longview School
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WHAT'S WORKING?

SCHEDULE

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Sign-in and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am - 8:45 am

Opening Remarks - Tom Jennings, Director,
Longview School

8:45 am - 9:45 am

Job Alike Networking:
What's Working?

Meet Colleagues That Share Similar Positions :
Administrators, Teachers, Counselors.

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am - 12 noon

Session A: Morning Workshops

12 noon - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Session B: Afternoon Workshops

7 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

GOALS

The primary goals of this conference are to bring together alternative educators so that we can share What's Working and establish a network of support and resources. The workshop will focus on:

- Teaching Methods
- Curriculum
- Special Education Administration Challenges
- Behavior Management
- Drug and Alcohol Use By Adolescents

Comments from past attendees.....

"Exceptional and motivating speakers"

"Great opportunity to collaborate with others in the field"

"I liked the relaxing atmosphere. It felt comfortable to ask questions and make comments."

"I liked being able to interact with the lecturers."

"Great setting. Awesome trainers and topics."

"It gave me real solutions."

Regional Services & Education Center, Inc.
Established 1974

The mission of RSEC is to raise the capability of parents and schools to help all children and youth be successful.

Sunrise Children's Center – an inclusionary early childhood educational center. Sunrise provides programs for children ages 18 months to age 6, both full-day and half-day programs, an after-school program for children to age 12, as well as a summer program.

Sunrise Early Intervention Program – provides families and their children, birth to age 3, with supports and services to enhance their lives.

The Summit School – a private special education, diploma granting, high school that provides educational and therapeutic services for students with emotional and behavioral educational disabilities. The school offers a standard high school curriculum with a therapeutic component of Adventure Based Counseling that fosters cooperation, builds self-esteem, and instills trust among students and staff.

The RSEC Academy – a private special education, junior high and diploma granting senior high school for students with average or above average intellectual ability, identified with specific language-based learning disabilities. The Academy provides students with skills and strategies that will allow them to transition successfully back to their sending school, on to further education, or to the community work force.

Longview School – a private special education, diploma granting high school for students with emotional and behavioral educational disabilities. Students take part in a variety of project-based, hands-on experiences that incorporate adventure, arts, and self-discovery. The 154-acre campus provides a wilderness setting that is ideal for academic studies, inspiration for the art program, and Adventure Based Counseling activities.

Child Check – Amherst, Brookline, Milford, and Mont Vernon contract with RSEC to provide the federally mandated Child Find activities. Children are screened in the areas of motor development, cognitive development, speech and language, vision, and hearing.

Psychological and Educational Evaluation services and supervision of district staff are offered to school districts along with therapy services such as **Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, the Jumpstart program, and Applied Behavioral Analysis training.**

Morning Workshops

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

A1 Strategies for Accessing the General Education Curriculum in Alternative Settings

GLEs, GSEs, UbD, DI, UDL! How can educators in alternative settings make sense of all of this as they try to provide students with meaningful and challenging educational programs? This session will assist educators in "connecting the dots" and developing strategies for instructional planning to meet the diverse needs of students in alternative educational settings.

Presented by: Carol Kosnitsky, Special Education Consultant

Carol Kosnitsky is a consultant at the Special Education Technical Assistance Center, a project of Granite State College. Carol works with NH school districts to ensure students with disabilities in any setting have access to challenging educational programs as a result of collaborative planning and instruction.

A2 Challenges to Local Districts in Meeting All Kids' Needs - Perspective of the Local Special Education Director

This session will provide participants with a chance to "walk in the shoes" of a local special education director. The many pressures, competing demands, legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004, and the need to support staff and families will be covered in a light and (hopefully) humorous way. Those interested in how local special education directors manage their difficult jobs should find this session interesting.

Presented by: Dr. P. Alan Pardy, Executive Director
NH Association of Special Ed Administrators, Inc.

Dr. P. Alan Pardy has been an educator for 40 years. Alan began his career as a high school teacher, has worked as a local director in several NH districts, and has been Executive Director of NHASEA since 2003.

A3 Positive Behavior Change From A Student's Perspective

A small group of The RSEC Academy students will present the behavior management program and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program used at The RSEC Academy from a student perspective. Students identified with a variety of learning disabilities will discuss the approaches that have worked or not worked for them, and the challenges that impact their behavior. Participants will receive samples of strategies and forms.

Presented by: Paul Curtis, B.S., Teacher
Janet Reed, B.A., Director
Students from The RSEC Academy

A4 Negotiating Treaties: Forging Pathways to High School Completion

The presentation will describe the North Star drop out prevention and recovery program at Strafford Learning Center and offer reflections on the first year of implementation. Participants will generate hypotheses related to disaffected learners in their own setting and establish the foundation for identifying effective strategies for drop out prevention

Presented by: Dr. Charles Ott, NCSP, Field Worker
Jill Heath, MSW, Field Worker
Strafford Learning Center

Chuck Ott is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and recently retired Superintendent of Schools. Chuck's chief interest is in organizational culture and its relationship to drop out prevention and recovery.

Jill Heath is a social worker and teacher. After many years in the classroom, Jill is focusing her efforts on helping students find alternative pathways to high school completion.

Afternoon Workshops

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

B1 Curriculum Mapping For Differentiated Instruction

This workshop will assist alternative educators in differentiating instruction by using curriculum mapping as a tool. Attendees will leave workshop with the beginning of a differentiated map, them, or unit. Attendees are asked to bring the grade level or grade span expectations for reading that are appropriate for their teaching assignment.

Presented by: Michelle A. Langa, CAGS in Educational Administration
Superintendent of Schools, SAU # 61 Farmington

Michelle Langa is the co-author of the book Curriculum Mapping For Differentiated Instruction K-8.

B2 The Impact of Chemicals on Adolescents

This workshop provides a description of the behavioral and neuro-chemical impact of mood altering substances on adolescents. This workshop is designed to address what works when dealing with substance impaired adolescents.

Presented by: Michael Torch, MA, LADC, LCS,
SAU # 12, Londonderry School District
School Community Services & Counseling Partner,
LPG Counseling Association, Manchester, NH

Mike Torch has over 30 years as an alcohol and drug counselor and more than 20 years experience with adolescents. Mike is also a consultant of The Addiction Technology Transfer Center at Brown University.

B3 Situations and Systems in Behavior Management

Back by popular demand, this interactive workshop will give participants the opportunity to discuss and role play their own most difficult situations.

Presented by: Tom Jennings, M. Ed, Director
Students from Longview School

Tom Jennings is an expert in behavior management and the use of Adventure Based Counseling as a counseling tool with over 25 years experience working with at-risk youth in a variety of educational and therapeutic settings which includes the director of three alternative schools.

B4 Outside The Box

This workshop involves utilizing the outdoors in conjunction with English, Science, and History. Participants should dress for the weather in layers and appropriate footwear (hiking boots or non-slip shoes) as much of the workshop will take place in the woods.

Presented by: Jeff Harstedt, M.Ed., Teacher
Richard Harding, B.A. Biology, Teacher
Longview School

Jeff Harstedt is a 19-year veteran teacher in alternative education. Rick Harding aka "Ranger Rick" has a background in natural history and has worked with children of all ages in the field for 37 years.



Summit Center located at Longview School offers a range of services including conferences, workshops, site rentals, and consultations both on and off site.

For more information contact:

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REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: \$ 110
(includes continental breakfast, lunch, and handouts)

Please choose 3 workshops per session in order of preference(1, 2, 3)

AM Session: ___A1 ___A2 ___A3 ___A4

PM Session: ___B1 ___B2 ___B3 ___B4

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Fax # _____

Email Address: _____

Please check box if you would prefer **not** to have your contact information shared with other attendees.

Method of Payment - Payable to RSEC

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