

CONFERENCE AGENDA

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN DIVISION
22nd ANNUAL FAMILY CONFERENCE
JUNE 19-23, 2009**

Friday, June 19, 2009 (Arrival Day)

4:00 pm Begin Check-in at Hotel
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Staff Training & Orientation

Saturday, June 20, 2009 (Opening Day)



7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am Completion of Child-Care Assignment Forms/Activities/Registration

9:00 am - 10:00 am Teacher Forum - All Teachers and Related Professionals
Alana Zambone, Melissa Engleman

Families	Teachers
Families will complete child care assignment forms and interviews	Teachers and other professionals will meet in a Forum to establish participation norms - roles and responsibilities

10:00 am - 11:30 am Introductions - Speakers, Guests, Staff
 Welcome - Tom Winton
 Conference Overview - Chris Jones
 Deaf-Blind Grant Update - Chris Jones
 Instructional Support & Related Services - Tom Winton
 Overview of NCDB Services and National Agenda - Mike Fagbemi
 Teacher Support Program - Alana Zambone, Melissa Engleman
 Literacy Project - Gretchen Hanser
 Victory Junction - Carolyn Bruno
 Update on Family Outreach Specialists - Margaret Richardson

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Overview of the Process and Keynote Address

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Family Sharing Activity and Developing a Social Network
 Completing Child Profiles and Reporting Out

- 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Break, Check on the Children
- 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm Functional Vision Assessment
- 4:45 pm - 6:00pm Free Time-Networking/Feedback on Transition Plans
Follow-up Meeting for 2008 Families
- 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Parents Pickup Children from Staff
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Dinner*



** Siblings Special Dinner - All teenagers who have brothers and sisters with deaf-blindness are cordially invited to a special and confidential dining experience with selected speakers. They will be hosting a conversation about the "VOICES OF TEENAGERS in the FAMILY".*

Sunday, June 21, 2009

- 7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am Let's Review
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am Infusing Access Skills (e.g. literacy, communication, sensory integration) into the General Education Curriculum and Setting - Claire Greer
- 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Curriculum and Instruction - Meeting the **Academic** and **Functional** Needs of your Children: Identifying Standards and Outcomes & Performance Indicators

(Families and teachers will divide into groups)

Teachers and Related Professionals	Families
Curricular Issues and Identified Concerns	Individual Sessions with Selected Consultants

- 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm Personalized Action Plans for Program Improvement - *Each family will build an action plan for program improvement that addresses individualized needs*
- 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Break, Check on Children
- 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm Continue with session

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Parents Pickup Children from Staff

5:30pm - 7:30 pm Dinner: Musical Entertainment provided by Ben Espinola

Monday, June 22, 2009

7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:30 am Let's Review

9:30 am -10:45 am Report-Out on Action Plans

10:45 am -11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 11:45am Collaborative Teaming Skills and Effective Approaches to Advocacy

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm Facilitated Discussions for Moms and Dads

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Make & Take for Teachers - next steps: Parents Welcome to drop on in

1-2pm Making Alternative Pencils: Print/Braille Alphabet Flip Chart
Participants are asked to bring their own scissors.

2-3pm Making Simple, Inexpensive Books for Early, Early Readers
Participants are asked to bring their own scissors.

3-4pm Making Computer Books in PowerPoint
There will be a limited number of computers available. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own computer. Participants can also bring a CD or USB drive with favorite pictures for their book. Space limited to 15 participants.

3:00pm - 4:45 pm Free Time to Network for Families



4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Parents Pickup Children from Staff

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner - Special Family Outing

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 (Departure Day)

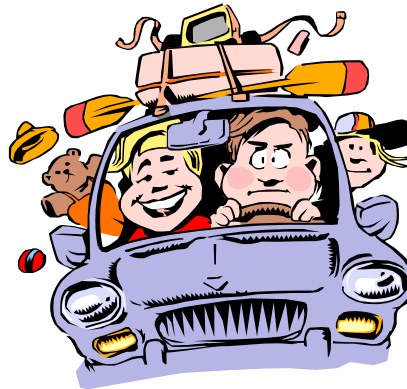
7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am What did we learn? What are we going to do different?
What is your action plan?

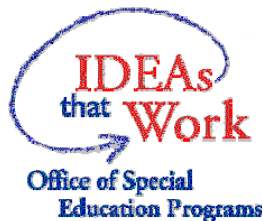
10:00 am - 10:30 am Closing Comments, Evaluation

10:30 am - 11:00 am Parents Pickup Children from Staff

10:30 am - 11:30 am Check-out



Have a Safe Trip Home!



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