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SPECIAL EDUCATION SURROGATE PARENT PROGRAM

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & RECOGNITION CONFERENCE

**Enjoy a day filled with exciting workshops,
exhibitors, & meeting other volunteers who want
to make a difference!**

The Special Education Surrogate Parent Program is inviting you to attend our Annual Conference!

Conference Highlights:

- Enjoy & learn from our highly acclaimed keynote speaker
- Learn about the rules surrounding the discipline of Special Education Students
- Gain insight into the effects of trauma, it's impact on learning & resiliency
- Understand more about ADHD
- Visit our community partners in the exhibit hall to gather information & share resources
- Take advantage of Continuing Education Credits
- Help us celebrate National Volunteer Week!

*“ This is one
of the best
conferences I
have attended in
years!” – 2010
Conference
Attendee*

APRIL 12, 2011 9:00 AM – 3:45 PM

HOAGLAND-PINCUS CONFERENCE CENTER

SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

*They need more than a classroom.
They need a voice.*

Agenda

HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.

Arrival

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

- Registration
- Coffee
- Exhibit Hall

Welcome

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

- Michelle Poulin, Program Director, SESPP

Keynote

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

- The Need to Heal – Jeanine Fitzgerald**
Trauma can result not only from catastrophic events such as abuse, loss of a loved one or violence, but from natural disasters and everyday incidents such as medical procedures, divorce or automobile accidents. At the core of this course is the understanding of how trauma is imprinted on the body, mind and spirit, resulting in many symptoms that need healing, including hyperactivity and aggression. Rich with case studies and interactive experiences, The Need to Heal gives insight into children's resiliency and provides their caregivers with the tools to overcome and prevent trauma.

Lunch

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Workshops

1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

- The Need to Heal: Trauma & its Effects on Learning**
Presented by: Jeanine Fitzgerald

Continued from Keynote presentation. Jeanine will also have copies of her book, *The Dance of Interaction* available for purchase.

- Special Education & Student Discipline – Effective Advocacy in Behavioral & Disciplinary Matters**
Presented by: Amy DiDonna, Esq.

What is an FBA and a BIP? When should, and when *must*, an FBA be conducted and a BIP be developed? This workshop covers the rules surrounding discipline of special education students and explains how you can prepare for a disciplinary matter.

- A Comprehensive Look at ADHD**
Presented by: Dr. Jack Conboy

This workshop session will provide participants with a thorough understanding of ADHD including diagnosis, co-morbidity factors, treatment strategies, behavior management interventions and technical assistance on the development of an effective IEP.

"Thank you again for such an inspirational conference. I truly look forward every year to this conference as it always reignites my passion to provide education support to our most neediest children and young adults" –
2010 Conference Attendee

Exhibit Hall

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Highlighting the great work and invaluable resources of our community partners and state-wide service providers

Door Prizes

Exciting giveaways graciously donated by many organizations across the state of Massachusetts

Lunch

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch will be provided with gratitude by the SESPP.
Enjoy an opportunity to network and meet fellow volunteers

Register Online for this free conference:

<http://sespp.wufoo.com/forms/conference-registration/>

or on our website: www.sespprogram.org

Workshop Presenters



Jeanine Fitzgerald draws on over 30 years of professional experience to empower teachers and parents to achieve more with children “at risk.” With experiences as a certified teacher, licensed mental health professional, and mother of three children, she understands the promise of every child, as well as the diversity of their needs.

Jeanine is a certified Human Behavior Specialist and Owner of The Better Behavior Bureau and The Behavior Institute, specializing in research-based strategies in educational leadership, relationship-building, motivation, preventing risk factors and implementing positive interventions in “real world settings.” She is also a speaker and consultant trainer who has worked with thousands of educators, child care professionals and parents across the country. Jeanine has published *The Dance of Interaction*, which is available for purchase today, and is putting the finishing touches on her second book, *Educating the Heart*.

Amy DiDonna, Esq. operates a private education law practice in Worcester, MA. Amy provides representation, consultation and litigation services to clients in charter school law and student matters, including but not limited to special education, regular education and student discipline. A frequent speaker on education law issues at functions sponsored by various professional organizations and at in-service programs offered by public and private schools, Amy is also a summa cum laude graduate of Boston University, a cum laude graduate of New York Law School, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



Dr. Jack Conboy received his Doctorate in Psychology from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. He is a Professor of Psychology and Director of the UMass Dartmouth Applied Behavior Analysis Program. Prior to coming to UMass Dartmouth, Dr. Conboy worked as a Clinical Psychologist in a variety of public and private mental health settings, including the Department of Mental Health, where he was Chief Psychologist in Fall River, MA. Dr. Conboy is a much sought after speaker on the topics of ADHD, mental health issues, behavior therapy, cognitive behavior therapy and psychological testing.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

I would like to register to attend the following workshop: (Please choose one)

- The Need to Heal (Pt. 2) – Jeanine Fitzgerald
- Special Education & Student Discipline – Attorney Amy DiDonna
- A Comprehensive Look at ADHD – Dr. Jack Conboy

*There is no fee to attend this conference.

Make a Commitment to Serve



National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.



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Hands On
NETWORK

We want to celebrate YOU during National Volunteer Week!

In accordance with the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Special Education Surrogate Parent Program responds to the mandates of federal special education laws which require that procedures be in place to protect the special educational rights of all children who may require special education services, including those who are in the care or custody of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or whose parents are unknown or unavailable, and ensure that the rights of these children to benefit from a free and appropriate public education are protected.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Special Education Surrogate Parent Program is to provide an educational pathway to success for children and youth in state custody.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Special Education Surrogate Parent Program is to promote positive educational outcomes for children and youth in state custody by providing volunteers to represent their best interests in the special education process.



Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, 222 Maple Ave, Shrewsbury, MA 01545