

Special Education Advocacy Institute November 20 – 22, 2008

Thursday, November 20th

6:00 – 7:00	Dinner	
7:00 – 7:30	Opening Remarks	Dr. Norm Forman
7:30 – 9:30	Session 1 – <i>“The Psychology of Advocacy”</i>	Dr. Norm Forman

Friday, November 21st

8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Remarks	Dr. Norm Forman
9:15 – 12:00	Session 2 – <i>“Special Education Challenges: How Can We Solve Them Together?”</i>	Dr. Norm Forman
9:15 – 12:00	Session 2 – <i>“Communicating for Change”</i>	Mr. David Hicks *
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:45	Session 3 – <i>“Negotiating to Yes: Moving from Me to We”</i>	Mr. David Hicks
1:00 – 3:45	Session 3 – <i>“Building and Maintaining Effective Home and School Relationships”</i>	Ms. Angie Dornai *
3:45 – 4:00	Closing Remarks	

Saturday, November 22nd

8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Remarks	
9:15 – 12:00	Session 4 – <i>“Building and Maintaining Effective Home and School Relationships”</i>	Ms. Angie Dornai
9:15 – 12:00	Session 4 – <i>“Solving Conflicts: Coming Away a Winner”</i>	Mr. David Hicks *
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:00	Session 5 – <i>“The Future is Now”</i>	Dr. Norm Forman

Note – An asterisk (*) indicates the session is for secondary students.

Note – Costs for all meals are underwritten by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Dr. Norm Forman is a registered psychologist, an advocacy consultant, and the Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Education Advocates (OAEA). Dr. Forman is the author of Exceptional Children – Ordinary Schools.

David Hicks is the Director of Mediation Services for OAEA. David holds a Masters in Special Education and a Masters in Counselling. He has a private practice in counselling, mediation, and educational advocacy in the Halton and Peel regions.

Angie Dornai is the Restorative Approaches Facilitator in York Region and chairs the Mediation Services Resource Bank of the Ontario Secondary School Teacher’s Federation. A noted author, Angie conducts provincial, national, and international workshops for educators and other professionals.