

SEAC Training Conference

The SEAC Training Conference is a joint conference of six provincial associations and is planned for a full day on Saturday June 2nd and a half day on Sunday June 3rd. There is a great list of speakers, including representatives from the Ministry of Education Special Education Branch to provide updates on:

- Individual Education (IEP) Plan Review
- proposed changes to the Special Education Funding Formula and Special Education Plans
- new approaches to Dispute Resolution in Special Education

There will also be brief updates from the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) and PAAC on SEAC.

Optional sessions include:

- Lynn Ziraldo, Past Chair of MACSE on Roles and Responsibilities of SEAC Members
- Professor Genese Warr-Leeper, from University of Western Ontario, on the relationship between communication and education.
- Marilyn Dolmage and Clayton Eaton of Integration Action on strategies for effective inclusion
- Rhonda Martinussen, member of the Expert Panel who prepared the Education for All: The Report of the Expert Panel on Literacy and Numeracy Instruction for Students With Special Education Needs, Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Rhonda Jacobson and Jackie Dorssers, Community Facilitators with the OAFCCD Parents As Partners, parent education project.

The deadline for Conference Registration is Friday May 11th, 2007 and we encourage you to register for the conference as soon as possible.

Accommodation is provided in a student residence with both single and double rooms available, and communal washroom facilities. Funding for Travel Subsidies is limited and travel arrangements eligible for subsidies must be approved in advance by the Conference manager, Patty Gillis.

Accommodation and travel subsidies are only available to SEAC reps and Alternates from the following associations:

Ontario Association for Families Of Children With Communication Disorders. Association of Bright Children of Ontario. Easter Seal Society of Ontario. Integration Action for Inclusion in Education and Community (Ontario), Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, VIEWS for Blind and Low Vision.

OAFCCD has received requests for SEAC representatives from other associations to attend the Conference. There may be some room at the Conference for additional SEAC reps to attend for a Registration Fee (Registration Form - 'N' attached), but priority will be given to SEAC reps from the six partner associations.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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