



Keys to Special Education: Advocacy, Collaboration and Knowledge

Conference Programme

Saturday April 9, 2016

The Country Day School

13415 Dufferin Street, King, Ontario L7B 1K5

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

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| 9:00 to 9:30 am | Registration |
| 9:30 to 10:45am | Keynote Presentation – What’s New in Special Education
Louise Sirisko, Director, Special Education Policy and Programs Branch, Ministry of Education will provide an overview of Special Education in Ontario. |
| 10:45 to 11:00 | Break |
| 11:00 to 12:00 | Workshop Session 1 |
| 1 | Effective Advocacy and Collaboration – Information for parents on how to advocate effectively and work collaboratively with teachers and other school staff , Lynn Ziraldo, Past Chair of Minister’s Advisory Council on Special Education |
| 2 | Therapy at home and school – Developing a single plan of care that supports student success in school and at home , Judy Anderson, Single Plan of Care Coordinator for Children's Treatment Network, York Region District School Board |
| 3 | Planning Effective Transitions for Students with Complex Needs , Rose Baechler, Coordinator for Students with Diverse Learning Needs, Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB and Lissette Gaylie, parent |
| 4 | Assistive Technology Improving Student Outcomes , Rahila Chughtai and Alana Shields Barker, parents |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Lunch and Networking Sessions |

- Meeting Room 1** **Parent Peer Supports** – Brenda Agnew, Three to Be Foundation and Michelle Biehler, Children’s Treatment Network
- Meeting Room 2** **Special Education Advisory Committees** - Alison Morse, Easter Seals Ontario, Provincial Coordinator – Special Education
- Meeting Room 3** **Multiple Births and Special Education**, Theresa Sanders, Multiple Births Canada

- 1:00 to 2:00** **Workshop Session 2**
- 1** **Accessibility Issues at School**, David Lepofsky, Chair, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Alliance
- 2** **Ready, Set, Go Lifeskills Program for Community Participation** Zahra Mawji, Occupational Therapist (O.T.), Janice Archer O.T. and Kim Cross, Child and Family Psychotherapist, Children’s Treatment Network
- 3** **Identifying Potential and Programming Effectively**, Joe Trovato, Psycho educational Consultant, ErinoakKids Centre for Child and Youth Development
- 4** **Mindfulness – A Strategy to Manage Stress**, Anna Maria Batelaan, Social Worker, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

2:00 – 2:15 **Break**

- 2:15 to 3:15** **Workshop Session 3**
- 1** **Student Panel – Planning for College or University**
- 2** **Implementing Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) for Successful Communication**, Daniele Fiorindi, Speech/Language Pathologist, CTN - YRDSB Augmentative Communication Consultation Services (ACCS), Sherry Caldwell and Jennifer Facchinelli, parents
- 3** **Developing Effective Individual Education Plans (IEPs)**, Alison Morse, Provincial Coordinator – Special Education, Easter Seals Ontario

3:15 to 3:30 **Wrap up**

[Registration for Conference](http://www.easterseals.org/keys-special-education/) or webcast at <http://www.easterseals.org/keys-special-education/>. Register early as space is limited.

NOTE: The keynote and one workshop from each session will be webcast. Webcast sessions will be selected based on interest from those who register, including those who want to watch the webcast. The lunch time networking sessions will not be webcast.