

# "Transition: It's Not Just for Kids – Parents Need A Transition Plan Too!"

## **Session #1** **You Can't Move Forward** **Until You Move Backwards**

**March 3, 2009**

12:00 PM -1:00 PM or 7:00 PM -8:00 PM

**Webinar and/or phone conference call**

The transition process focuses on preparing you and your son/daughter for life after school. It is never too early to start this process! Join with other families to learn why transition involves everyone. Begin now to plan for a successful, fulfilling future at home, school and in the community.

## **Session #2** **It's A Brave New World:** **An Introduction to** **Secondary Transition**

**March 24, 2009**

12:00 PM -1:00 PM or 7:00 PM -8:00 PM

**Webinar and/or phone conference call**

How do I make sure my son/daughter's IEP, beginning at age 14, is a *Road Map* to a successful and fulfilling future at home, school, and in the community? Learn how transition goals drive all the sections of the IEP and determine what your child is doing in school. We will review sample IEPs and resources during this session.

**Presenters: PaTTAN Educational Consultants**  
**and Parent Training Initiative Staff**

## **Session #3** **The GPS of Secondary** **Transition**

**April 4, 2009**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Brown Bag Discussion (optional)

### **Videoconference**

PaTTAN Harrisburg

PaTTAN King of Prussia

PaTTAN Pittsburgh

IU locations TBD

Using the Secondary Transition Road Map, we will help you take a closer look at building a strong IEP. Topics covered will include assessment, post school goals, academic achievement and functional performance, agency involvement, writing measurable goals and measuring success. This workshop will include parent-oriented activities and discussions.

**REGISTER**  
**NOW!**

Please register on-line by  
visiting the PaTTAN website at  
[www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)

If you have difficulty registering  
online, please contact Mary  
Gordon at 800-446-5607 x6871 or  
[mgordon@pattan.net](mailto:mgordon@pattan.net)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UPCOMING EDUCATION CONFERENCE

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14 THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009:**

**Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, PA**

The Pennsylvania Department of Education Conference will be held on April 14-17, 2009. For families who have attended PDE conferences in the past, this is the event that is typically held in February. The conference offers a full range of effective interventions to assist in meeting students' needs. Act 48, ASHA, and Psych credits are available for professionals.

#### CONFERENCE TITLE:

**Getting Results: Educating Students in a Standards-Aligned System**

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

*Melinda Baird, Attorney, Special Education Law, Lafollette, Tennessee*

*Michael Fullan, Professor Emeritus, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Ontario*

*Frank Smith, Director of Elementary Education, Stanislaus County Office of Education, California*

*John Tommasini, Director, Bureau of Special Education*

*Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary, Department of Education*

#### TOPICS:

- Leadership
- Inclusive Practices
- Behavior
- Reading
- Transition
- Career & Technical Education
- Standards-Based Instruction
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Gifted Education

#### REGISTRATION:

Conference fees are \$125.00. Scholarships available for parents. Scholarship procedures will be listed in the 2009 Conference Brochure, which should be available in approx. 2-3 weeks. Hotel registration is now open, but the actual conference registration is not yet open. For hotel registrations contact the Hershey Lodge at 800-437-7439. For more conference information, please contact Debra Jordan at PaTTAN at 800-441-4214, ext. 224 or [djordan@pattan.net](mailto:djordan@pattan.net). By late January, you should be able to register by visiting [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net) and selecting On-line registration for this event.



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**WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW  
AND ADVOCACY CONFERENCE  
PRESENTED BY PETE WRIGHT, ESQ  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009  
8:00-4:30 PM  
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY'S IACocca HALL  
111 RESEARCH DRIVE, BETHLEHEM PA**

This conference is sponsored by The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc., with partial funding provided by a grant from the PA Developmental Disabilities Council and the Rider Pool Foundation. Pete Wright is an attorney who represents children with special education needs. His advocacy grew out of his personal educational experiences. The Wrightslaw conference is jam-packed with information. The key areas of focus will include:

- Special education law, rights and responsibilities
- Tests and measurements to assess progress and retention
- SMART IEPs
- Strategies for Effective Advocacy

Morning refreshments and lunch are provided. Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance as well as two books, with an approximate retail value of \$50.00. The titles are *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*. Couples who attend will receive one set of books and two lunches.

### REGISTRATION

At this time registration fees have not been finalized. Fees will vary depending upon whether you are a parent, professional, need continuing education credit, etc. To hold a spot, please contact Ramona Neidig at The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties. You may leave her a detailed message at 610-849-8076, ext. 25 or email [rneidig@arcofl-n.org](mailto:rneidig@arcofl-n.org). Once you register, please be advised that there are no refunds available if you cancel. If you are a parent, please advise the age of your child and his/her school district. If you are comfortable providing it, we would also like to know your child's diagnosis.

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Walk-in registration may or may not be available. Closer to the date, please call Ramona at The Arc at the phone number above to check available seating.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LEADERS OF PRACTICE IN THE AUTISM SPECTRUM: NAVIGATING THE AUTISM MAZE

Sunday, May 3, 2009

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Lehigh University's Baker Auditorium

Tickets are only \$10.00 & will be on sale as of January 1, 2009. Contact the Zoellner Box Office at 610-758-2787, stop by the box office, or visit <http://www.zoellnerartscenter.org/cwo/Home>. For further info, you may also contact Tamara Palmer at 610-758-3226 or [tlp205@lehigh.edu](mailto:tlp205@lehigh.edu). This conference is number six in the College of Education's Distinguished Lecture Series. Dr. Linda Bambara, professor of special education at Lehigh University, will moderate the presentation as five experts discuss interventions that work. The panel is comprised of the following experts:

- ♦Jed Baker, Ph.D. - Social Skills Training
- ♦Paula Kluth, Ph.D. - School Inclusion
- ♦Robert Koegel, Ph.D. and Lynn Koegel, Ph.D - Communication, Social, and Academic Development
- ♦Joyce Elizabeth Mauk, M.D. - Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

All five speakers are nationally renowned experts in the field of autism. However, the group of panelists has never presented together before. This event offers a rare opportunity to look at autism from multiple perspectives. A Question and Answer session will be held at the end of the presentation. Early registration highly recommended.

Get your tickets NOW as this event is expected to sell out.

#### SPEAKERS' BIOS:

Jed Baker is the author of several books, including the award-winning Social Skills Picture series. Dr. Baker is a behavioral consultant for several New Jersey school Systems. He has over 20 years of experience working with children on the autism spectrum.

Paula Kluth is a consultant, teacher, and advocate for inclusive opportunities for children with disabilities. She is the author of *You're Going to Love this Kid: Teaching Children with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom*, *A Land We Can Share: Teaching Literacy to Students with Autism*, and *Just Give Him the Whale: 20 Ways to Use Fascinations, Area of Expertise, and Strengths to Support Students with Autism*.

Robert Koegel and Lynn Kern Koegel run the Koegel Autism Center at the University of Southern California at Santa Barbara as director and clinical director, respectively. Dr. Robert Koegel is also a professor of psychology and special education at the university. He is the author of 6 books and over 150 articles, many of which deal with positive behavioral support. Dr. Lynn Koegel has authored 2 textbooks on autism. Her areas of focus include improving communication, language development, and self-management. She has been featured on several television news reports and even the reality show, *Supernanny*.

Joyce Mauk is a neurodevelopmental pediatrician who has conducted extensive research on autism, psychopharmacology, and behavioral disorders. She is President/CEO/Medical Director of the Child Study Center in Fort Worth, Texas.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOT TOPICS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Inc.

2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA

Presented by Angela Uliana-Murphy, Esquire

*All sessions are free, but an RSVP is required. To allow time for discussion & questions, each workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Early registration is highly recommended. Please contact Susan Kluge at 610-8076, ext. 22 or [skluge@arcofl-n.org](mailto:skluge@arcofl-n.org) to register.*

| DATE  | TIME                                 | TOPIC  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009*<br>(Snow date Jan. 28, 2009)  | 10:00-Noon & Q&A<br>from 12:00-12:30 | LRE/FAPE/ESY -<br><u>Least Restrictive Environment</u><br><u>Free and Appropriate Public</u><br><u>Education</u><br><u>Extended School Year</u>                                |
| Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009<br>(Snow date Feb. 25, 2009)<br>(Note: Co-presenter for this training is Henry Newton, Esq., who has extensive experience in juvenile court.)  | 10:00-Noon & Q&A<br>from 12:00-12:30 | Legal Aspects of School Discipline for Students with Disabilities  |
| Wednesday, March 18, 2009<br>(Note: Co-presenter for this training is Domenico Cavaiuolo, Ph.D., East Stroudsburg University professor in the Special Ed/ Rehabilitation Department.)   | 6:00-8:00 PM<br>Q&A 8-8:30 PM        | FBA -<br><u>Functional Behavioral</u><br><u>Analysis &amp; Effective Behavior</u><br><u>Plans</u>  |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2009<br>(Note: No workshop in April. Families are encouraged to attend the Arc-sponsored Wrightslaw conference to be held April 30, 2009 from 8-4:30 at Lehigh University. See your March newsletter for further details.) | 6:00-8:00 PM<br>Q&A 8-8:30 PM        | To Be Announced -<br>We would like to respond to your needs. Please contact The Arc's Advocacy Department at 610-849-8076 if you have a topic to suggest for the May workshop. |

\*If an ongoing court case necessitates cancellation of this training, we will call all attendees who have registered. For that reason, it is very important that you pre-register.

The Arc and our Advocacy department are devoted to bringing families every opportunity for improving their knowledge of educational issues. If you are not able to attend any of these trainings or the Wrightslaw conference mentioned on page 7, we suggest that you subscribe to the Wrightslaw newsletter on [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com). It contains information that every parent or guardian of a child with disabilities will find invaluable.

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