

# new Conference for Administrators on Behavior Issues

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The Midwest Symposium for Leadership  
in Behavior Disorders



October 5 & 6, 2006  
KU Edwards Campus  
12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, Kansas

## audience Intended Audience

This conference is intended specifically for *school building administrators* (principals, assistant and associate principals). However, other administrators (superintendents, special education directors and other district administrators) will also find this conference of great interest.

### Why a Conference for Administrators on "Behavior"?

The expertise and support of administrators are crucial in working with students with behavioral needs. Often little attention has been paid to the need of administrators for knowledge and skills in working with students and staff regarding behavior and discipline issues. While we are aware of the recent focus on academic standards and testing, we recognize that improving and supporting the behavior of students in school is an important element in achieving academic goals. As a result, we are providing information *pertinent to and accessible by school administrators*.

## keynote Keynote Presentations

- **What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Defiant Behavior – "I Can't Make You: Attitude Shifts and Derailments for Resistance"**

John W. Maag, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- **What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Autism & Asperger Syndrome**

Richard Simpson, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas

*Receive top-quality, research-grounded information and practices tailored specifically to the needs of administrators who are working to improve the behavior of students in their schools.*

*Breakout Sessions Presented by Administrators & Regional Experts*

### *What Every Administrator Needs to Know About ...*

- ... Positive behavior supports in schools
- ... Developing consistency across teachers in dealing with behavior
- ... Managing programs for emotionally or behaviorally disordered students in your school
- ... Identifying & intervening for students at risk for poor behavior by using existing records
- ... Alternatives to suspension for student discipline
- ... Legal issues regarding discipline and special education
- ... Creating a welcoming and caring school culture
- ... Mental health diagnoses (bipolar, autism, etc.) and mental health needs
- ... In-school suspension variations and alternatives

*Networking Opportunities!*

# keynote

## Keynote Presentations

### #1 What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Defiant Behavior— “I Can’t Make You: Attitude Shifts and Derailments for Resistance”

John W. Maag, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

How do we respond to a student who says “Make me!”? Our authority has been threatened. Yet, we can’t make others do anything. Therefore, we want to set an example that shows other students they can’t get away with misbehaving. Unfortunately, most of the ways we try to set an example have the opposite effect and actually increase resistance. The solution is to change our responses to students’ resistance rather than trying to force students to comply. Do you disagree with me? If so, then I have just created your resistance. I can change that. The key is understanding the difference between knowledge and knowing. In this presentation resistance will be reconceptualized, and techniques for managing resistance will be presented.

### #2 What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Autism & Asperger Syndrome

Richard Simpson, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas

The number of children and youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) has dramatically increased over the past decade. These students are significantly taxing the skills and resources of school personnel and organizations, at least in part because of a lack of understanding of the disorder and strategies that have proven effective in producing desired educational outcomes. This session will focus on effective scientifically based practices for educating, managing and supporting learners with autism-related disabilities. Included are diagnostic, curricular, policy and programmatic issues; management, structuring and support measures; academic and learning facilitation strategies; and social interaction and social skill enhancement.

# breakout

## Breakout Sessions

### What Every Administrator Needs to Know About ...

- *Positive Behavior Supports in Our Schools*, Tim Lewis, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- *Legal Issues Regarding Discipline and Special Education*, Carl Smith, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- *Creating a Caring School Culture: The Circle of Courage Model*, Diann Peyton, Orchard Place School, Des Moines, Iowa
- *Understanding the Mental Health Diagnoses and Mental Health Needs of Students*, Polly Nichols, University of Iowa – Child Psychiatry, Iowa City, Iowa
- *Developing Consistency Across Teachers in Dealing With Behavior*, Mary Albers, Assistant Principal, Winnetonka High School, and Perry Hilvitz, Director of Alternative Education, North Kansas City School District, Kansas City, Missouri
- *Managing Programs for Emotionally or Behaviorally Disordered Students in Your School*, Kaye Otten, Behavior Consultant, Lee’s Summit School District, Lee’s Summit, Missouri
- *Alternatives to Suspension for Student Discipline*, Reece L. Peterson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska
- *In-School Suspension, Time-Out, and Similar Disciplinary Options*, Deb Sisco, Principal, Alternative Resource Center, Woodson Children’s Center, St. Joseph, Missouri
- *Identifying and Intervening to Help Students at Risk for Poor Behavior – How to Use Existing Records to Find Signs of Potential Trouble*, presenter TBA

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE ([www.mslbd.org](http://www.mslbd.org)) FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH BREAKOUT SESSION AND OTHER CONFERENCE UPDATES.**

# schedule

## 2-Day Conference Schedule

### Thursday, October 5

1:00 PM Opening of conference – All sessions at KU Edwards Campus  
1:15 PM Keynote #1  
2:15 PM Break  
2:30 PM Breakout Sessions – I  
3:45 PM Breakout Sessions – II  
5:00 PM Sessions conclude for the day  
5:30-7:00 PM Social and cash bar at Holtze Executive Village (complimentary cocktails for guests); dinner on your own.

### Friday, October 6

8:15 AM Opening of second day sessions  
8:30 AM Keynote #2  
9:30 AM Break  
10:30 AM Breakout Sessions – III  
11:45 AM Lunch – lunch provided on site  
12:15 PM Luncheon panel discussion – led by administrators  
1:15 PM Breakout Sessions – IV  
2:30 PM Conference adjourns

Attendees will be able to participate in keynote presentations and four of the nine topics for breakout sessions. Fact sheets on all topics will be provided in participant packets.

## Registration Fees

By September 21: \$190 per person

After September 21: \$250 per person

*Fee includes lunch on Friday and refreshment breaks both days.*

See registration form

## Conference Location

All sessions will be held at the new, state-of-the-art meeting facilities at KU Edwards Campus, 12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, Kansas. FREE PARKING.

[http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/1\\_AboutKUEC/Map\\_and\\_Directions.htm](http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/1_AboutKUEC/Map_and_Directions.htm)

## Hotel Information

### The Holtze Executive Village\*

11400 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210

phone: 913-344-8100; fax: 913-344-8200

overlandpark@holtze.com. Website: <http://www.4holtze.com/>

**Special conference rate for guestrooms: \$79/night or \$99 for a suite**

Hot tub, pool, free high-speed Internet access, complimentary breakfast, complimentary social hour and many other amenities!

\* Holtze Executive Village is located approximately 2 miles north of the KU Edwards Campus

*Networking Opportunities!*

*The conference will offer opportunities to meet, network and socialize*

*with other building administrators from the four-state region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska) and beyond.*

*Register now and save!*

*Space is limited for this first-time event. No walk-in registrations!*

# sponsor

The Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders (MSLBD) is a non-profit organization. For the past 23 years, MSLBD has conducted a large and successful conference each February focusing on students with behavioral needs. MSLBD is proud to sponsor this unique conference for administrators. You will find information about both the organization and its conferences at [www.mslbd.org](http://www.mslbd.org).



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# Registration Form

**PAYMENT**

To process your registration, we require one of the following:

- Check payable to Midwest Symposium
- Agency purchase order enclosed

All registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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**RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION TO:**

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*No refunds will be issued after September 15.*