

Fourth Annual Conference for Administrators on Behavior Issues



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The Midwest Symposium for
Leadership in Behavior Disorders (www.msldb.org)

October 1 & 2, 2009
KU Edwards Campus • 12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, Kansas

Intended Audience

The 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 it helpful.

Why a Conference for Administrators on “Behavior”?

The expertise and support of administrators are crucial in working with students with behavioral needs. Historically, little attention has been paid to administrators’ need 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 in schools, we recognize that improving and supporting the behavior of students in school is an important element in achieving our academic goals. As a result we are trying to provide information *for school administrators that is both pertinent and accessible.*

Keynote Presentations

- **What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Reducing Behavior Problems in Schools.**
Michael Epstein, Ed.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He is the William E. Barkley Professor specializing in the emotional and behavioral disorders of children. He has published over 150 articles, several books, and served as principal investigator for numerous research and training grants.

This presentation is designed to be an overview for all administrators; Dr. Epstein will generalize the IES What Works Clearinghouse practice guide, Reducing Behavior Problems in the Elementary School Classroom, and offer strategies that can be used to reduce problematic behavior. Based on a thorough review of the research, the practice guide offers practitioners five specific recommendations along with implementation steps. This presentation will review the IES standards for practice guide, present how the practice guide was developed, summarize the five recommendations, and discuss the implications of the practice guide.

- **What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Creating Culturally Responsive Schools, Classrooms, and Caring Relationships for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners.**
Deborah Harris, Ph.D., President and CEO of Deborah Harris, Inc., she resides in Atlanta, Georgia. She was formerly an Associate Professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa and also served on the Faculty at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, prior to that she taught children and youth with special needs. Her major areas of research focused on collaboration and intrinsic motivation

The success of many schools is determined by the school’s leadership and the environment created for all. Culturally and linguistically diverse students with behavior problems will achieve both academically and socially if the school’s leadership team ensures the use of a strengths-based approach when working with CLD students and their families, infuse cultural relevancy throughout the instructional process, and reach beyond the professional doors into the home and community of students served. A set of culturally established practices will be presented so that participants can grasp the essence of how best to respond to the behavioral challenges of CLD students.

**Special Guest
Speaker on Friday
Alexa Posny,
Kansas Commissioner
of Education!!**

**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.**

**Register
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No Walk-In
Registrations!**

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Breakout Sessions Presented by Administrators & Regional Experts

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

The conference will offer opportunities to meet, network and socialize with other building administrators from the four-state region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska) and beyond.

WIRELESS INTERNET CONNECTION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE!!

Preconference Workshops

Thursday Morning: Optional Workshops (Choose One: additional fee applies)

1. What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Creating a Positive School Climate through Effective School Discipline.

Larry Thompson, Hesston High School Principal, Creator of Effective School Discipline, Hesston, Kansas.

Effective school discipline is a program that is growing in popularity across the nation. It is simple, realistic and can be implemented in any school. This program helps teachers and administrators create a system centered around consistent approaches that will change the culture of your school and improve your student's performance as well as make the building a more positive place to be. It has seen great success in K-12 and both regular education and special education. This program is a systematic way to help kids become more responsible and schools more successful. The results schools are getting speak for themselves.

2. What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Developing and Implementing IEPs for Students with Behavioral Concerns.

Joe Hatley, Attorney with Spencer, Fane, Britt, & Browne, LLP, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrators will receive information on how to develop IEPs with their teachers that help students, teachers, and administrators address behavior issues and promote positive student behavior within the standards and regulations stipulated by the law.

3. What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Alternatives to Suspension and Expulsion.

Reece Peterson, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Nebraska.

This session will present several alternatives consequences that might be built into a school conduct code in order to reduce reliance on suspension and expulsion, and to reduce the number of students who are suspended. Basic prerequisites for making these alternatives work will also be presented, and tied to efforts to create "positive behavior supports" in schools. The movement away from punitive "Zero Tolerance" policies will be explained, and strategies for developing more sophisticated conduct policies discussed.

Breakout Sessions

What Every Administrator Needs to Know About ...

- *Follow-up discussion sessions with Keynote Presenters, Dr. Michael Epstein and Dr. Deborah Harris*
- **Seclusion and Restraint**, Kaye Otten, Behavior and Autism Specialist, Lee's Summit, Missouri and Linda Geier, PBS Coordinator, Kansas State Department of Education
- *Adapting school-wide discipline plans for students on the autism spectrum*, Cheryl Young, Montana State University – Billings, Montana
- *Promoting a Family Friendly School Culture*, Jane Groff, Director of Kansas Parent Information Resource Center, Topeka, Kansas
- *Improving Teachers Skills at Behavior Management*, Doug Eicher and Susan Claflin, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Missouri
- *The Implementation and Monitoring of Individual Behavior Intervention or Management Plans*, Mike Couvillon, Drake University, Des Moines, IA
- *Solving a Range of Problems Using Functional Behavior Assessment*, Howard Wills and Blake Hanson, Juniper Gardens Children's Project, The University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas
- *Behavior Management Strategies for use with Aggressive and Disruptive Children*, Joyce Anderson Downing, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Missouri
- **Special Friday Afternoon Session** – Alexa Posny - Kansas Commissioner of Education, and former Director of the Office of Special Education for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Education Issues At the Federal Level: What changes can be expected with a new administration in place? How might IDEA, No Child Left Behind, and other education policies be affected? What do administrators need to do to prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead?

Handouts and slides from each topic will be provided in participants' notebooks. Check our website (www.mslbd.org) for a description of each breakout session.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, October 1

- 9:00 AM **Concurrent optional workshops** (additional fee)
- 12:00 PM Box lunch provided to workshop participants only.
- 1:00 PM **Conference Begins**
Keynote Presentation – I
- 2:30-3:30 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions – I
- 3:30-4:00 PM Break with refreshments
- 4:00-5:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions – II
- 5:30-7:00 PM Social Event at Holtze Executive Village.
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

Friday, October 2 – Conference Continues

- 8:15 AM Keynote Presentation – II
- 9:45 AM Concurrent Breakout Sessions – III
- 10:45 AM Break with refreshments
- 11:00 AM Concurrent Breakout Sessions – IV
- 12:00 PM Box lunch (provided) & Break
- 12:30 PM Special Session
Federal Policy Issues Update
- 2:00 PM Conference adjourns

Registration Fees

Cost After
Oct. 2

Preconference Workshop & Conference	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Thursday 8:15 AM – 2:00 PM Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments • Lunch (Thur. & Fri.) • Workshop & Conference Materials 	\$280	\$335
Conference Only	1:00 PM – 5:30 PM Thursday 8:15 AM – 2:00 PM Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments • Lunch (Fri. Only) • Conference Materials 	\$240	\$295
Preconference Workshop Only <i>Choose 1 of 3 sessions</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments • Lunch (Thur. Only) • Workshop Materials 	\$130	\$185

**Discounts available for group registrations. Please call conference coordinator for details.*

Conference Location & Accommodations

Conference Information

All conference sessions will be held at KU Edwards Campus, 12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS 66213-2402. **FREE PARKING.** Directions to KU Edwards Campus, 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; Website: <http://www.4holtze.com/>

Special conference rate for guestrooms available until MONDAY AUGUST 31: \$92 per night guest room or \$113 per night one bedroom suite • Hot tub, pool, free high-speed internet access, complimentary breakfast, complimentary social hour, transportation to conference site, and many other amenities!

Ask for the Administrators Conference Special Group Rate. BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY FOR THIS GREAT RATE!.

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

Flying In

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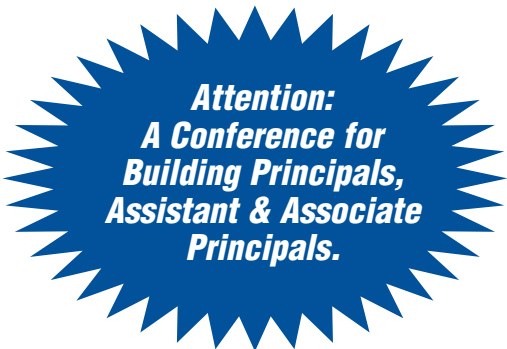
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preconference Workshop and Conference | \$280 \$335 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Conference ONLY | \$240 \$295 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preconference Workshop ONLY | \$130 \$185 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I will attend the complementary social Thursday evening at the Holtze Executive Village. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am a registered guest at the hotel. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am not a registered guest of the Holtze, but I would like to attend at the social. (Free Social Event!) | |

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

If attending a preconference workshop, please indicate your 1st choice as well as an alternate choice.

- ____ 1. *Positive School Climate*, Larry Thompson
- ____ 2. *IEPs for Students with Behavioral Concerns*, Joe Hatley
- ____ 3. *Alternatives to Suspension and Expulsion*, Reece Peterson

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. REGISTER EARLY!! No walk-in registration.

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