

Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders

Legal Issues Regarding Student Behavior



A special strand of breakout sessions presented during the Conference on Behavior Issues for School Leaders

The MSLBD School Leaders conference has added a strand of sessions on special education legal issues related to student behavior as a part of its annual **School Leaders' Conference to be held in Overland Park Kansas October 9-10**. Sessions are by attorneys and law judges working on these issues...

Behavior Intervention Plans: A Legal Analysis of Issues.

Susan Larson Etscheidt, Ph.D., *Professor of Special Education at the University of Northern Iowa and served as an administrative law judge for special education appeals in Iowa from 1991 to 2010.*

This session will present the IDEA 2004 requirements for Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) and provide a review of the case law pertaining to BIPs. The case law on seclusion and restraint will also be overviewed, with a discussion of the presenter's recent manuscript, *Seclusion and Restraint Practices with Students with Disabilities: A Legal Analysis of Issues & Recommendations for Professional Practice*. A specific case involving seclusion and restraint – for which the presenter served as the Administrative Law Judge – will be highlighted.

What Color is Your Discipline?

Cynthia Lutz Kelly, Esq., *Topeka Public School, House Counsel and Linda J. Geier, School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Coordinator, Tulsa Public Schools*

The U.S. departments of Education and Justice have joined forces to issue guidance on how school leaders can ensure that discipline policies are written and applied in a manner that does not discriminate against racial or ethnic groups. A "Dear Colleague Letter" issued in January, emphasized every school's obligation to fair and nondiscriminatory discipline and pledged that the departments would continue to investigate all complaints received. This session will give participants a deeper understanding of the legal implications of the "Dear Colleague Letter" and provide suggestions on what schools and districts can do to ensure compliance with the law while maintaining safe and secure learning environments. In addition to legal standards for liability, participants will learn what to expect if a complaint is filed with OCR. Alternatives to suspension and expulsion will also be presented.

The Legal Consequences of Clicking "Send" .

Karen Haase, Esq., *Harding & Shultz, P.C., L.L.O., Lincoln, NE*

Although intended to make life easier, emails, text messages, tweets, social networking posts and other forms of electronic communication have potential legal implications. Electronic communication can be considered a business record, a public record, and education record, a special education record or a hearing exhibit. Before clicking "send," you should consider which category the communication falls into and the implications of that classification. Attorney Karen Haase will help you make that determination through a review of recent special education cases that address the five categories and their legal significance. You'll get practical suggestions on how to continue to use these technologies to serve students without jeopardizing your legal position.

Understanding the Legal Implications for Students with Disabilities Related to Bullying and Harassment.

Michael G. Norris, Esq., *Norris & Keplinger LLC, Kansas City, MO area and Erin Dugan, Ph.D.*, *Assistant Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools, Olathe, KS*

This interactive session will provide a review including examples from legal cases involving bullying and/or harassment of students with disabilities. Guidance and risk management strategies for the prevention of such situations will be included in the session.

A low cost, high quality conference focusing on behavior!
More information: http://www.mslbd.org/school_leaders_conference.htm

A sample of the additional conference keynote, workshop and repeated sessions.

Keynote: How to Coach Teachers to Improve Classroom Management

Richard Van Acker, Ed.D., Emeritus Professor of Special Education University of Illinois at Chicago

Success for students with behavior challenges does not happen by accident, it requires intentional efforts by school personnel. Session will discuss key ideas on coaching teachers to improve classroom management.

Keynote: It's Bigger Than That: A District Leader's Perspective on Inclusion

Jerry D. Weast, Ed.D., Founder and CEO Partnership for Deliberate Excellence, LLC, North Potomac, Maryland, and school superintendent in districts small and large

"What I hope you will take away is a fuller understanding of the complexities and competition inherent in meeting the needs of every child,"

Workshop: Empowering Teachers to Prevent and Manage Problem Behavior: Putting Theory into Practice.

Phillip Nordness, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha and John Cannon, Principal, USD 405, Lyons, Kansas

Workshop: Forty Intervention Strategies for Building Student Engagement to Reduce Disciplinary Exclusion and Dropout

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

Workshop: Putting the Pieces Together: Promoting Academic, Behavior, and Social Success for Students with Autism

Shari Harding, M.S.Ed., MSSL, Autism Behavior Specialist, Shawnee Mission Kansas School District

The Effect of Disability, Race, and SES on the Length of Time Until Suspension, and What To Do About It.

Mickey Losinski, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Integrating Reading, Math, Behavior and Social Domains to Achieve Positive Student Outcomes.

Linda Wilkerson, M.S.Ed. Tertiary Behavior Support Coordinator TASN and Kelcey Schmitz, M.S.Ed., Behavior Specialist, TASN, Lawrence, KS

Obesity and Asthma and Headaches, Oh My!" Physical Health Problems of Youth with Behavioral and Emotional Difficulties.

Tori Van Dyk, M.A., Doctoral Candidate, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

REGISTRATION (Discount for teams of 3 or more)

Register online today: http://www.mslbd.org/school_leaders_conference_register_links.htm

Choose one of the following registration options:		After Sept. 26
Conference ONLY (begins Thursday at 1 PM; Includes box lunch on Friday, refreshments and materials)	\$255.00	\$310.00
Preconference Workshop ONLY* (choose one workshop; refreshments, box lunch & materials included)	\$145.00	\$200.00
Preconference Workshop & Conference* (all of the above)	\$295.00	\$350.00

15% Group Discounts available: Teams of 3 or more apply for teams registering together on the same purchase order. Cancellations postmarked before September 26 are subject to a \$35 administrative fee. No refunds issued after September 26.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

MSLBD has contracted a block of guest rooms with *Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Overland Park*, 11400 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210, approximately 2 miles north of the KU Edwards Conference Center. For reservations, call the hotel and ask for special prices for the "2014 Midwest Symposium Leaders Conference". Conference rate for King Guest Room \$74.00/night, Double Queen Guest Room \$89.00/night. Phone: 913/344-8100.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Conference is hosted in the state of the art BEST Conference Center on The University of Kansas Edwards Campus 12600 Quivira Road, Overland Park, Kansas. KU Edwards Campus is located approximately two and a half miles south of Interstate 435 on the south side of Kansas City.

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