# Announcing the Fifth Annual

## **Conference for Administrators** on Behavior Issues



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

September 30 & October 1, 2010 **KU Edwards Campus, Overland Park, Kansas** 

## **Intended Audience**

This conference is designed to provide school building administrators and school and district behavior support team members with evidence-based information to assist them in effectively working with students with behavioral challenges and their families.

#### **Conference Goal**

The conference will provide top-quality, research-grounded information and practices tailored specifically for the needs of administrators who are working to improve the behavior of students in their schools.

#### 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 pertinent to and accessible by school administrators.

## **Two Keynote Presentations**

• In the Best Interests of All: Serving Students with Significant Behavioral and Mental **Health Needs.** 

Carl R. Smith, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa and Lucille Eber, Ed.D., Statewide Director, Illinois PBIS Network, La Grange Park, Illinois

This opening session will focus on the role of school leaders in building and assessing the success of effective behavioral supports for students at-risk and students with significant behavioral and mental health needs. This will include the questions that administrators should ask regarding the evidence-base for interventions serving these youth, legal and policy considerations and examples of data collection strategies that have been shown as effective in monitoring these interventions.

 What Every Administrator Needs to Know About School Discipline For Culturally and **Linguistically Diverse Learners.** 

Gwendolyn Cartledge, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Culturally responsive interventions involve an objective analysis of student behavior, an understanding of backgrounds and perceptions of target students, greater skill in effective instruction, and an ability to provide culturally responsive social skill instruction. Along with student behavior, contributing factors to disproportionate discipline practices include perceptions of school personnel, and dysfunctional instructional and behavior management systems. This presentation will provide an overview of the key issues related to school discipline for CLD learners with detailed examples of culturally responsive teaching of desired social behaviors.

## Special Session Friday Afternoon

Christine Walther-Thomas, Professor and Chair of Special Education at University of Kansas, and Past President, 2007-2009 of The Higher Education Consortium for Special Education, will provide an overview of the "News in Washington".



Forward to Administrators and **Behavior Managemen** Teams!

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Register TODAY! No Walk-In Registrations!

**Endorsed** by Midwest **Educational** Leadership Conference

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 (lowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska) and beyond.

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THE ENTIRE
CONFERENCE!!

## **Preconference Workshops**

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

1. What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Using Data to Change Student Behavior.

Craig Rosen, Behavior Specialist, Southeast Polk Community School District, Pleasant Hill, Iowa; Angelisa Braaksma Fynaardt, Ph.D., Professional Learning and Leadership Consultant for PBS and Learning Supports, Heartland Area Education Agency 11

Children with challenging behaviors pose significant challenges for educators, administrators, and educational systems. Discipline referrals take up valuable administrator time not to mention depriving students of precious instructional time. This session will cover a systemic approach to building, classroom, and individual student discipline. Participants learn how to monitor behavioral trends in their buildings; understand how to collect and interpret behavioral data; as well as the application of data analysis to help students and teachers achieve behavioral change.

2. What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Legal Issues Related to Educating Children with Disabilities.

Mark Ward, Attorney, Kansas Department of Education Special Education Services, Topeka, Kansas

This session will address how the courts have looked at important legal questions related to the education of children with disabilities, including: What it means to provide the required Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and why it is important for schools to do so; What it means to educate children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment (LRE) and how to assess when more restrictive environments are needed; What it means to discriminate against children with disabilities and how to avoid it; What is the effect of agreements between parents and school personnel outside of the IEP; and What disciplinary actions may be taken against children with disabilities, and how concepts such as suspension, stay put and manifestation affect disciplinary actions.

3. What Every Building Administrator and their Behavior Management Team Need to Know About Building Teacher Classroom Management Skills.

Sharon A. Maroney, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, Moline, Illinois

This presentation will address: a set of research-based classroom management skills; a plan for the beginning of the school year; a teacher-centered process for monitoring and building management skills; and a discussion on what do with troubled or troublesome teachers..

## **Breakout Sessions**

What Every Administrator Needs to Know About ...

- A 21st Century Response to an Age-Old Problem: An Alternative to Suspensions. Catherine DeSalvo, Principal, Boys Town Day School, Boys Town, Nebraska & Marc Benedetto, Special Education Program Coordinator, Westside Middle School, Omaha, Nebraska
- Functional Behavior Assessment. Kaye Otten, Ph.D., Behavior/Autism Specialist, Lee's Summit, Missouri
- A Model for Mental Health in Schools. Wesley Jones, Ph.D., Clinical Director, Mental Health Center for East Central Kansas, Emporia, Kansas, Dwight Stoppel, Administrator USD 420, Osage City, Kansas, and Tracy Davis, LMSW Program Coordinator, MHCECKUSD 420, Osage City, Kansas
- Psychotropic Medicines. Jamie Wood, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling, Pittsburg State University, Kansas
- Wraparound Planning for Individualized Behavioral Support. Lucille Eber, Ed.D., Statewide Director, Illinois PBIS Network, LaGrange Park, Illinois
- Policy on Restraint and Seclusion. Reece Peterson, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- Almost Everything an Administrator Needs to Know About ABA in General Education Classrooms. Howard Wills, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor and Blake Hansen, Juniper Gardens Children's Project, University of Kansas
- Discussion Sessions to follow each Keynote Session
- Plus Networking Opportunities!

## The Schedule

| Thursday, September 30 |   | Friday, October 2 – Conference Continues |                                     |  |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 9:00-12:00             | Concurrent Preconference Workshops          | 8:15-9:30                                | Keynote Presentation – Cartledge    |  |
|                        | (optional; additional fee applies)          | 9:45-10:45                               | Concurrent Breakout Sessions – III  |  |
| 12:00                  | Box Lunch Provided to Workshop Participants | 11:00-12:00                              | Concurrent Breakout Sessions – IV   |  |
| 1:00-2:30              | Conference Begins                           | 12:00-12:30                              | Box Lunch (provided) & Break        |  |
|                        | Keynote Presentation – Smith & Eber         | 12:40-2:15                               | Special Session with Walther-Thomas |  |
| 2:45-3:45              | Concurrent Breakout Sessions – I            | 2:15                                     | Conference Adjourns                 |  |
| 3:45-4:00              | Break with Refreshments                     |  |                                     |  |
| 4:00-5:00              | Concurrent Breakout Sessions – II           |  |                                     |  |
| 5:00-7:00              | Social and Cash Bar at Hotel                |  |                                     |  |

## **Registration Fees**

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| Conference Only                                     | 1:00 PM Thursday                                       | <ul><li>Refreshments</li><li>Box Lunch on Friday</li><li>Conference Materials</li></ul>                              | \$255 | \$310 |
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| Preconference<br>Workshop Only<br>Choose 1 workshop | 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM Thursday                            | <ul><li>Refreshments</li><li>Box Lunch on Thursday</li><li>Workshop Materials</li></ul>                              | \$145 | \$200 |
| Preconference<br>Workshop &<br>Conference           | 9:00 AM — 5:30 PM Thursday<br>8:15 AM — 2:00 PM Friday | <ul><li>Refreshments</li><li>Box Lunch (Thursday &amp; Friday)</li><li>Workshop &amp; Conference Materials</li></ul> | \$295 | \$350 |

Group Discounts available: Teams of 3-4 = 10%; Teams of 5-7 = 15%; Teams of 8 or more = 20%. Group discount will only apply for teams registering together on the same purchase order.

## **Conference Location**

KU Edwards Campus, Regnier Hall, 12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS 66213-2402. Wireless Internet will be available throughout the conference. http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/1\_AboutKUEC/Map\_and\_Directions.htm

## **Hotel Information**

The Holtze Executive Village (approximately 2 miles north of the KU Edward Campus) has a conference rate for guestrooms of \$95.00/night or \$115.00 for a one-bedroom suite. Hot tub, pool, complimentary breakfast and many other amenities! 11400 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210; Phone: 913/344-8100; Fax: 913/344-8200; www.holtze.com *Cutoff date for room reservations: September 1, 2010.* 

## Flying In

To get to the KU Edwards Campus or Holtze Executive Village, auto rental is recommended. Detailed driving directions will be included in your confirmation letter.

## **Sponsor**

The Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders (MSLBD) is a non-profit organization. For the past 27 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 can find information about both the organization and its conferences at www.mslbd.org



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| ☐ Conference ONLY                               | \$255                      | <b>\$</b> 310   |
| □ Preconference Workshop ONLY*                  | \$145                      | \$200           |
| ☐ Preconference Workshop and Conference*        | \$295                      | \$335           |
| Group Discounts available:                      |                            |                 |
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☐ I will attend the social Thursday evening at the Holtze

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## PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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

| 1. | Using Data, Rosen & Braaksma Fynaardt |
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| 2. | Legal Issues, Mark Ward               |

## \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Behavior Management Strategies, *Sharon Maroney*

#### **PAYMENT**

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

- ☐ Check payable to Midwest Symposium
- ☐ Agency purchase order enclosed

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE BEST RATE!! No walk-in registration.

#### **RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION TO:**

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