

2009-2010 ESE Parent Education Workshops January 2010 – June 2010

To register, contact Ruth Rogge/FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services
at 754-321-2211 or
ruth.rogge@browardschools.com.

ESE Parent Workshop Information is available on the ESE website
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ease/html/WORKSHOP.htm>

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<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ease/>.

Click on the link for e-News at the bottom right-hand side of the page.
After you register you will receive an Email confirmation. You **MUST** click the link in that
confirmation Email in order to complete your registration.

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Dokiman-sa-a disponib an Kreyòl. Si ou bezwen yon kopi, pa jennen rele (754) 321-2211.

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Non-Refundable Workshop Registration Fees

<input type="checkbox"/>	1/07/10 Thursday.....	FREE!
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/23/10 Saturday.....	\$10.00
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Fees are for refreshments

- If Financial Assistance is requested, check box.
 If interpreter services are needed, check box.
 Spanish Haitian Creole Portuguese Sign Language

Due to space limitations, registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Registration includes all seminar materials, free parking, and refreshments. Lunch is on your own.
Workshops are for adults only. No childcare is provided.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

No cash is accepted. Make check or money order payable to:

SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY

Mail with completed registration form to:

RUTH ROGGE

K.C. Wright Building, 9th Floor, 600 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

✂ Cut along dotted line and submit with payment ✂

RESPIRE SERVICES (in-home support for parents)

Parents may use respite services to [attend a parent workshop](#), conferences, support group, and/or any activities that provide needed alone time or time with other family members. Families of students with disabilities who receive respite services have the opportunity to get a much-needed break to relax, refresh and renew themselves. Respite services can be received in your home for up to 120 hours a year.

Broward Children's Center also provides extended stay services at their facility.

Eligibility: Children who are eligible for respite services must be diagnosed with a physical disability or developmental disability (i.e. Autism, Prader-Willi, Spina Bifida, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy). United Cerebral Palsy also provides services to children with special needs who have additional medical needs (auditory and visual impairments, seizures, breathing and swallowing challenges, diabetes and cardiac conditions, etc.). Children (birth-age 17) must be residents of Broward County and may receive services through age 21, if enrolled in an educational program.

Cost: Respite services are funded through a grant; however, a minimal sliding fee is required. In order to access these respite services, eligible families must reside in Broward County and cannot be utilizing any other respite services or receive Med Waiver funding.

Funding: Services are provided by various non-profit community agencies and funded in partnership with the Children's Services Administration Division.

To apply for respite care services, contact :

**Linda Sachs, LCSW with Broward Children's Center at (954) 941-1228 ext. 112; or
Arlene Cohen with United Cerebral Palsy of Broward, Inc. at (954) 315-4078**

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*** Denotes "Weekend with the Experts" series (\$10.00 registration fee for all Saturday Workshops. All others are No Cost.)**

1 st Semester	Topic/Presenter	Location
July 2009 - June 2010		
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010	<p>Financial Assistance for ESE Parent Conferences/Workshops Pending the availability of grant funds, financial support may be provided for families of students with disabilities to attend local, regional, state, or national conferences and workshops that will foster and promote collaborative educational partnerships. Parent requests for assistance are limited to up to \$1,000 per family within a school year. Request an application by contacting Ruth Rogge at 754-321-2211 or ruth.rogge@browardschools.com. Submit a completed application 30 days prior to the conference/workshop.</p> <p>Eligibility: High consideration will be given to those parents who have not previously accessed funds. Priority will also be given to those parents who are actively involved in one or more of the following activities: ESE Advisory Council, School Advisory Council, School Improvement Team, PTA/PTO, Local/State Parent Support Group Organizations, and School Volunteers.</p> <p>Childcare: Childcare expenses may be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$50 per day (or \$8 per hour for a maximum of 6 hours; an original receipt must accompany the reimbursement request. Parents may apply for financial assistance from July 1, 2009-March 1, 2010.</p>	Local, regional, state, or national conferences or workshops
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (web-based; 24 hours per day/7 days per week)	<p>Additional Parent Resources/Online Tutorials Just like attending a Family Network on Disabilities (FND) workshop . . . only from the comfort of your own home! Go to the FND of Florida website (www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp). Viewing each workshop takes about 30 minutes . . . but go at your own pace! There are 29 tutorials including a variety of topics: Exceptional Student Education (IDEA/Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Conflict Resolution, IEP, FCAT Accommodations, Collaborative Communication, Related Services, Juvenile Justice and IDEA, Evaluation, Positive Behavior Supports, 504 Plans, Rights and Responsibilities, Self-Determination); Transition from School to Community (Transition, Olmstead disability civil rights term/person's right to choose where they live, From IEP to IPE/Individualized Plan for Employment, Rehabilitation Act, Assistive Technology, Why the Arts/Career in the Arts/career interests); Trusts and Special Needs Planning (Tools for Independence, Involve the Whole Family), and Parent Involvement (Bullying , Helping with Homework, Impact on Family and Community, Father's Involvement, A Compact for Reading, Understanding Your Child's Learning Styles, Effective Parent Conferences, Family Literacy). The Family Network on Disabilities (FND) of Broward County may be reached at: (754) 321-1705 (fndbroward@hotmail.com).</p>	Take a workshop on your own computer from the comfort of your own home.
July 1, 2009-March 1, 2010 Web-based (24 hours per	<p>Online 6 Week Workshop: Active Parenting NOW (for parents of children ages preschool-12) Growing up today can be stressful for both children and parents. Active Parenting</p>	Learn proven Active Parenting techniques on your own computer from

<p>day/7 days per week)</p> <p>Cost: \$49.95 (payable to: Active Parenting Publishers) Financial assistance is available for parents of students with disabilities. Request an application by contacting Ruth Rogge at 754-321-2211 or ruth.rogge@browardschools.com. Parents may apply for financial assistance from July 1, 2009-March 1, 2010.</p> <p>Registration: Contact the Active Parenting Publishers at 800-825-0060 or through the website. Maximum class size 25 (online class begins usually within 2-7 weeks after you register). You will be notified by e-mail of your class start date after registration. Questions? Send e-mail message to online@activeparenting.com.</p> <p><i>LOG IN: You'll receive a special USER NAME and PASSWORD</i></p>	<p>is an award-winning program written by parenting expert Michael H. Popkin, Ph.D. Millions of parents have achieved success with this internationally-acclaimed video and discussion program, which makes it easy to learn a whole model of effective parenting based on Adlerian psychology. Parents learn critical 21st century Active Parenting skills to help develop your child's full potential. Even if you don't have time to take a weekly class outside of your home, Active Parenting brings the lessons to you with a unique, interactive online class. The class "meets" for six weeks and features a variety of topics, including: using effective communication skills; understanding why children misbehave; basic and advanced discipline techniques; holding family meetings; and much more! You can complete the lessons wherever and whenever you would like, and review past lessons as many times as you need. The online class allows you to connect with other parents to hold discussions and complete activities. With your certified Active Parenting Online Leader, you're not alone in cyberspace. Join an online Active Parenting class to receive excellent advice and parenting techniques, access to online resources and videos, and the ability to discuss parenting with other adults around the country. It's so simple.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the entertaining video scenes depicting real-life family situations • Participate in online discussion and activities with fellow class members and your group leader • Review past lessons • Take part in optional "live chat" <p>More info available at: http://www.activeparenting.com/ParentInfo.htm</p>	<p>the comfort of your own home! For six weeks, you name the time and place. Each week is a new lesson, and you'll have all that week to "click on and off" to complete the lesson. The six-week enrollment period allows you "24/7" access to all online activities, discussions and past lessons.</p>
January		
<p>*THURSDAY* January 7, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Cost: Free!</p>	<p>Building Social Relationships: A Systematic Approach to Teaching Social Interaction Skills to Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Social Difficulties</p> <p>The workshop will provide an overview of a social skill instructional model developed by Dr. Bellini. The workshop integrates research on social-emotional functioning with effective strategies for teaching social skills to children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The five-step model provides a systematic and comprehensive framework to guide parents and practitioners in the development and implementation of social skills programming.</p> <p>Learning Objectives for Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase knowledge of social and emotional functioning • Increase awareness of the relationship between social skill deficits and social anxiety • Develop skills necessary to assess social functioning • Increase awareness of skill acquisition versus performance deficits • Increase awareness of available social skill strategies • Develop skills necessary to implement social skills strategies <p>Presenter: Scott Bellini, Assistant Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA), Indiana</p>	<p>Village Civic Center Village Meeting Hall 6800 Sunset Strip Sunrise, FL 33313</p>
<p>January 20, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)</p>	<p>Autism Committee of Exceptional Student Education (ACE)</p> <p>ACE is a parent driven group that meets monthly with school administrators and community providers to support autism programming throughout our schools and community. Meetings are intended to address systematic issues. These meetings are not intended to be a support group or a forum to address individual issues.</p>	<p>Mailman Segal Institute's Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36th Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100</p>

	Note: Pre-registration is not required. Presenter: Karen Shapiro, ACE Chairperson	
SATURDAY January 23, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.) (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) Lunch on your own. (12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)	Hands-On Math Workshop: Primary Level Making Math Easy-to-Do in K-2 <u>Working with materials easily located in your home, participants will experience activities that will simplify difficult math concepts. We will explore...</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that make counting forwards, backwards, by 2's, 5's, and 10's, a simple task. • Positions along a place value chart: thousands, hundreds, tens, • Terms that means addition vs. terms that indicate subtraction • Difficult concept like regrouping in addition and subtraction • Money, money, money • Making time a snap • Enter the world of macaroni, magnetic letters, clocks, play-dough and rulers to learn about time, number sequence and money • Boost student achievement through understanding the concept instead of rote memorization Hands-On Math Workshop: Intermediate Level Brain-Based Math Activities that Excite Every Learner <u>Working with materials easily located in your home, every participant will explore hands-on activities that help your child understand...</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers in standard, word, and expanded form • Place values to the billions • Measurement through music and movement • Fractions, fractions, more equivalent fractions • Elapsed time based on television schedules • How to weigh objects in metric and customary units • How to shop <i>until you drop</i> to learn about money and <i>play in the backyard</i> with clocks for elapsed time concepts • Boost student achievement through understanding the concept instead of rote memorization • And just generally have fun with math from now through middle school! Presenter: Kathryn Robinson, Writemath Enterprises, Inc., Valrico, FL	TBD
January 25, 2010 (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)	ESE Advisory Council Meeting Note: Pre-registration is not required. ESE Advisory Council offers many resources, assistance and information regarding ESE education. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. ESE Advisory Council welcomes parent participation.	Piper High School (Auditorium) 8000 NW 44 th Street Sunrise, FL 33351 754-322-1700
SATURDAY January 30, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)	Helping My Child with Homework and Study Skills This interactive workshop for parents will discuss why homework is important and also will describe typical problems that students have that interfere with homework completion. The primary focus will be on strategies that parents can use to help their children complete homework assignments accurately and on time. Presenter: Marjorie Montague, PhD University of Miami	TBD
February		
TBD (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)	The New News in Math: Standards and Strategies ... And How to Make it Fun! The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize parents with Florida's New Mathematics Content Standards and Access Points. Parents will learn how to play an active role in your child's mathematics education. Helpful tips and creative strategies will be provided to make practicing math at home FUN!! Family games and real-life experiences are a great way to reinforce the knowledge that children learn in schools. Presenter: Kitt Kelleher, Curriculum Development Specialist, Math, Broward County Public Schools	TBD
February 17, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)	Autism Committee of Exceptional Student Education (ACE) ACE is a parent driven group that meets monthly with school administrators and	Mailman Segal Institute's Baudhuin Preschool

	community providers to support autism programming throughout our schools and community. Meetings are intended to address systematic issues. These meetings are not intended to be a support group or a forum to address individual issues. Note: Pre-registration is not required. Presenter: Karen Shapiro, ACE Chairperson	7600 SW 36 th Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100
February 18, 2010 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Yoga-Based Relaxation Techniques for Busy Families In this seminar you will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between stress and performance • Fitness from the seat—at home, in the car, at work • Simple self and partner massage for the face, neck, and upper back • Breathing techniques for self-calming • Bedtime relaxation techniques for yourself and your children Note: For parents only. ESE students and siblings may attend Yoga Parent & Child class on February 20, 2010. Presenter: Louise Goldberg, MA Licensed Massage Therapist/Certified Yoga Instructor Creative Relaxation, Margate, FL	TBD
SATURDAY February 20, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Cost: FREE!	Family Yoga: For Children, Parent Partners, and Siblings For preschool students and parents For lower elementary students and parents For upper elementary students and parents For middle and high school students and parents Bring a yoga mat or beach towel for each child and parent. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. You and your child may take the class barefoot or in socks, but no shoes please. Purpose of the class: To have fun with your child; to learn exercises together to stretch, strengthen and improve balance; to help your child control the movements of his or her body; and to learn techniques for relaxation. No prior training is required. Your role will be to support your child when needed and to participate as a student. In this class, you and your child will have the opportunity to share some quiet moments together. Note: Siblings are welcome to attend if they are participating in the yoga class. Please arrive a few minutes before your selected class to register. Presenter: Louise Goldberg, MA Licensed Massage Therapist/Certified Yoga Instructor Creative Relaxation, Margate, FL	TBD
February 22, 2010 (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)	ESE Advisory Council Meeting Note: Pre-registration is not required. ESE Advisory Council offers many resources, assistance and information regarding ESE education. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. ESE Advisory Council welcomes parent participation.	Piper High School (Auditorium) 8000 NW 44 th Street Sunrise, FL 33351 754-322-1700
SATURDAY February 27, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)	Strategies for Effective Instruction of Exceptional Students in the General Education Classroom This workshop will provide an overview of instructional strategies to successfully educate exceptional students in the general education classroom. The provision of accommodations and modifications afforded to exceptional students under the law to access the general education curriculum will be outlined. Practical applications for classroom assignments and homework will be reviewed. Strategies to manage challenging behaviors and promote positive social relationships in the general education classroom will be discussed. Presenter: Marlene Sotelo-Bumberg, Assistant Director UM-NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities Nova Southeastern University Office	TBD
March		
SATURDAY March 6, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order)	Improving Parent-Child Communication Participants in this workshop will be led through a series of intellectual and role-playing exercises and small group decisions that seek to identify common barriers to parent-child communication and develop skills to overcome them. Presenter: T. Atilla Ceranoglu, MD	TBD

<p>*SATURDAY* March 6, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)</p>	<p>Improving Parent-Child Communication Participants in this workshop will be led through a series of intellectual and role-playing exercises and small group decisions that seek to identify common barriers to parent-child communication and develop skills to overcome them. Presenter: T. Atilla Ceranoglu, MD</p>	TBD
<p>*SATURDAY* March 13, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)</p>	<p>Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension, and ELL for Parents This program will give parents the tools needed to address a variety of barriers to reading. It includes tips to increase fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills, as well as information for parents of ELL students. Presenter: Phyllis Hunter, Franklin, TN</p>	TBD
<p>March 15, 2009 (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>ESE Advisory Council Meeting Note: Pre-registration is not required. ESE Advisory Council offers many resources, assistance and information regarding ESE education. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. ESE Advisory Council welcomes parent participation.</p>	Piper High School (Auditorium) 8000 NW 44 th Street Sunrise, FL 33351 754-322-1700
<p>March 17, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)</p>	<p>Autism Committee of Exceptional Student Education (ACE) ACE is a parent driven group that meets monthly with school administrators and community providers to support autism programming throughout our schools and community. Meetings are intended to address systematic issues. These meetings are not intended to be a support group or a forum to address individual issues. Note: Pre-registration is not required. Presenter: Karen Shapiro, ACE Chairperson</p>	Mailman Segal Institute's Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36 th Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100
April		
<p>*SATURDAY* April 10, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)</p>	<p>The ABCs of Behavior Change This workshop will provide parents with an understanding of commonly experienced childhood and adolescent problem behaviors. We will review how we usually deal with these behaviors and why they continue to occur despite our best efforts. Most importantly, you will learn proven, easy to use behavioral strategies for improving challenging behaviors exhibited by children of all ages. If you are experiencing problem behaviors this is the workshop for you. Question and answer opportunities will also be provided. Presenter: David Garcia, Behavior Analysis, Inc.</p>	TBD
<p>April 19, 2010 (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>ESE Advisory Council Meeting Note: Pre-registration is not required. ESE Advisory Council offers many resources, assistance and information regarding ESE education. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. ESE Advisory Council welcomes parent participation.</p>	Piper High School (Auditorium) 8000 NW 44 th Street Sunrise, FL 33351 754-322-1700
<p>April 21, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)</p>	<p>Autism Committee of Exceptional Student Education (ACE) ACE is a parent driven group that meets monthly with school administrators and community providers to support autism programming throughout our schools and community. Meetings are intended to address systematic issues. These meetings are not intended to be a support group or a forum to address individual issues. Note: Pre-registration is not required. Presenter: Karen Shapiro, ACE Chairperson</p>	Mailman Segal Institute's Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36 th Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100
<p>*SATURDAY* April 24, 2010 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Cost: \$10.00 Registration Fee for refreshments (check or money order made out to: School Board of Broward County)</p>	<p>Transitions: Supporting the Dreams of Children and Youth with Disabilities and their Families This workshop will cover: The Transition to School and within School: Considerations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood • Elementary • Middle School <p>High School and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Assessment: Developing a Vision 	TBD

disability.

Dr. Ellen Breslow is a Child Find Specialist with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System. Primary responsibilities include obtaining services for children ages birth to five and coordinating the preschool screening program for Broward County Schools. She has worked for the School Board of Broward County for over 30 years and began her career as one of the first Speech/Language Pathologists with the county's preschool Speech/Language Program: PEPPER. Dr. Breslow has her Masters Degree in the area of Speech/Language Pathology and her Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership.

Joanne Brustad is the FDLRS Instructional Technology Program Specialist for the Broward County Schools. In this role, she supports, trains, and provides technical assistance to Local Assistive Technology Specialists (LATS) which includes the Broward Assistive Technology Team (BATT) and Assistive Technology Contacts (ATC) in the schools. Joanne's responsibilities include training and providing technical assistance to educators in the use of instructional and/or assistive technologies. She maintains the FDLRS solutions lab to facilitate the preview of instructional and assistive technologies for use with exceptional students. Joanne has worked in the Broward County Schools for the past 27 years in a variety of roles including Speech/Language Pathologist, Behavior support trainer, ESE Specialist, North Central Area Assistive Technology Program Specialist and for the past year as the Instructional Technology Program Specialist for FDLRS. She has been a past finalist for Broward County Teacher of the Year (1996).

T. Atilla Ceranoglu is regarded an expert in child development and parent child communication. He has been both selected and invited to present his work in several local, national and international academic settings. He is being quoted in many articles and blogs; he is recently scheduled to appear on a local TV channel where he shares his knowledge on adolescent development. A major Turkish newspaper recently contacted Dr. Ceranoglu to feature an educational column where he will focus on these areas, as well. He is married with two boys, 4 and 2 years old.

L. Jerry Cohn, M.Ed., J.D. is a civil rights attorney and the President of a Broward County, Florida law firm specializing in matters pertaining to persons with physical and mental disabilities, chronic or acquired illnesses. He is a former special education teacher, professor and the author or contributor to several special education curriculum guides, legislation, and numerous news and journal articles since the 1970's. Mr. Cohn is an ordained Cantor and the spiritual leader for a South Florida congregation of families and individuals with special needs known as Shabbat Shalom Havurah. He is the volunteer music director for the Florida Special Arts Center (www.fljac.org), and he co-directed the television documentary "A True Lesson in Humanity". Mr. Cohn is the parent and foster parent to six young adults; three of whom have special needs. He was a recipient of the Broward County Advocate of the Year Award, The Florida Senate Outstanding Community Service Award, and, with his family, the recipient of the 2002 Broward County Special Olympics Family of the Year Award and the 2004 State of Florida Special Olympics Family of the Year Award.

Felicia Droze works in the District Due Process office as the School-Parent Liaison. Amongst many other job responsibilities, she is responsible for assigning Surrogate Parents for foster care students who meet the criteria. Prior to her position at the District, she worked as an ESE Specialist for 5 years in a middle school. Her educational background is in Communication Disorders and she has worked in Broward County Public Schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist, at both the elementary and middle school levels.

Joe Eppy, president of Eppy Financial Group, Inc., has been in the financial services industry since 1993 in the South Florida region. Joe is a Certified Special Care Planner as well as a Registered Investment Advisor and Certified Long Term Care Specialist. He has addressed numerous organizations, regarding the financial planning for special needs families. He was called upon by the Mass Mutual Financial Group to help guide them in the creation of their Special Care Program and teaches other financial advisors, for them, year round at various locations. Joe was recently called upon by the Governor's Task Force for Autism Spectrum Disorders to speak on the challenges faced by this population in the state of Florida. He is regarded as an industry expert and has brought his expertise to the sub-population of special needs with passion and integrity, both in this area and around the country.

Louise Goldberg, MA, Registered Yoga Teacher, Licensed Massage Therapist, has been teaching yoga for nearly 30 years. She has been a consultant to the Broward schools since 1981, teaching relaxation and exercise to children with exceptionalities and providing faculty in-service training. Since 2000 she has worked extensively with children within the autism spectrum and their coaches, teachers, and families and teaches yoga at the Dan Marino Center summer camp. She is author of the DVD Creative Relaxation: Yoga for Children featuring children on the spectrum and co-author of S.T.O.P. and RELAX©. She has been published in the International Journal of Yoga Therapy, and her curriculum is taught at the Kevala School in England. She is on the faculty of the Yoga Teacher Training course at the Yoga Center of Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Phyllis C. Hunter, President of Phyllis C. Hunter Consulting, Inc., was appointed by Congress and President Bush to the board of the National Institute for Literacy, and has served as an advisor on the President's Educational Transition Team. On November 15, 2002, she was honored with the Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Distinguished Educator of the Year by the National Alliance of Black School Educators. As a reading consultant who specializes in scientific research-based programs, Mrs. Hunter has traveled the nation providing on-site technical assistance to states implementing comprehensive reading programs.

Kitt Kelleher currently works as a program specialist for the Exceptional Student Education Department in Broward County. With over 21 years experience in the field of special education in both Florida and Massachusetts, Ms. Kelleher has served as a parent- and teacher-trainer, support facilitator, diagnostician within a multidisciplinary team, and most importantly as a classroom teacher for students with disabilities. Additionally, Ms. Kelleher has helped develop training programs, including workshops, online courses and a video series, for teachers working with students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Barbara Krakower is the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) facilitator for Broward County whose mission it is to provide learning opportunities, consultation, information and support to educators, families and community members resulting in the inclusion of all students. Ms. Krakower earned a Masters of Medical Science from Emory University in Communicative Disorders and has provided speech-language therapy services to children and adults for over 20 years. She has served as a speech-language pathologist, ESE

Specialist and ESE Curriculum Development Specialist in Reading for Broward County Public Schools. Ms. Krakower is a certified Wilson Language System trainer.

Dr. Ilene Miller is a Child Find Specialist for Broward County Public Schools, Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) and is certified in Special Education and School Guidance and Counseling. Her focus is communicating with families and staff working with children, ages birth through five years of age. She is a former preschool teacher and teacher of students with varying exceptionalities. Ilene has been working in the field of special education for twelve years and completed her Doctorate in Special Education.

Marjorie Montague, Ph.D., is a professor of special education at the University of Miami and specializes in learning, attention, and behavior disorders. She received her degree from the University of Arizona in 1984. Dr. Montague conducts research on cognitive strategy instruction for improving mathematical problem solving for students with learning disabilities. She also studies academic, personal-social, and behavioral outcomes for children and adolescents at risk for learning and emotional-behavioral disorders. Dr. Montague has over 60 published articles, chapters, curricular materials, and books. She serves on the editorial board of several journals including *Learning Disability Quarterly* and *Learning Disabilities Research and Practice* and served on the executive board of the Council of Exceptional Children- Division for Research and the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities. Dr. Montague regularly presents at national and international conferences on topics related to understanding and remedying learning, attention, and behavior disorders.

Carolyn Murray-Slutsky, MS OTR, is director of Rehabilitation for Children, Inc, a pediatric private practice. She co-founded M P Rehabilitative Services, a pediatric private practice that specializes in outpatient, home and school-based therapy in Florida, which was acquired by a national corporation in 2001. She received her undergraduate degree in special education from Ohio University and her master's degree in occupational therapy from Boston University in 1977. Carolyn is certified in sensory integration (SI) and neurodevelopmental treatment (NDT) for pediatrics, infants and adults. Her work experience includes working in direct patient care, consultative, educational, and administrative positions. She is also an adjunct professor teaching occupational and physical therapy students. She received the Manager of the Year award while serving as Director of Rehabilitation for an acute care facility and she was honored by the Florida Occupational Therapy Association with the Award of Excellence for her long-standing and significant contributions to the occupational therapy profession.

Rosemary N. Palmer practices civil rights and special education law in the panhandle of Florida and the State of Utah. Her involvement in special education began when she adopted four siblings with disabilities thirteen years ago. She presents at conferences in Florida and around the United States. Ms. Palmer graduated from the University of Utah's College of Law. Her undergraduate alma mater is Brigham Young University.

Betty Paris, PT M.Ed. attained her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from Florida International University and her master's in education from the University of Phoenix. Betty holds certificates in sensory integration (SI) and neurodevelopmental treatment (NDT) in pediatrics and in babies. She has used her dual certificates to develop a unique blend of NDT and SI treatments offered to children and young adults in a variety of settings and shared with therapists, parents, and other professionals through educational seminars. Her professional experience includes a wide range of venues including hospital, community-based services, as well as being co-founder of MP Rehabilitative Services, a multi-clinic private practice that was sold to a national corporation. Betty has used her expertise, dual certifications in NDT and SI, and her M.Ed. as adjunct professor, offering online programs to occupational and physical therapy students.

Kathryn Robinson has taught elementary level school children for over 25 years in widely diverse cultural and challenging international settings - Germany, Pakistan, & Bangladesh - as well as throughout the USA. This experience led Kathryn to write the K-5th grade *Just Turn and Share*© math centers series and the K-8th grade *Just Write* series of writing curricula. Kathryn's curricula are now being used in elementary schools throughout the United States with great success.

Ruth Rogge has been an employee with the Broward County School for thirty-four years. Twenty-nine years were spent in the classroom teaching students in both general and special education classes. The last five years she has been an ESE/FDLRS Program Specialist delivering trainings for educators, parents, bus drivers, and aftercare employees. She received her BA in Special Education from the University of South Florida and M. ED from Stetson.

Lou Rucolo was a classroom teacher for 10 years in Dade County, working with all exceptionalities in the Varying Exceptionalities setting. For the past seven years he has created and implemented transition programs in Broward County Schools which transitioned students into employment, technical centers, apprenticeship programs, community college and universities by setting up employment-based and community partnerships to facilitate transition into adult life. Lou assists in transition training and establishing linkages between families, school and community/business partners to create a seamless transition for students with disabilities.

Beth Saunders is the FDLRS Region 5 Technology Specialist. In this role, she supports, trains, and provides technical assistance to Local Assistive Technology Specialists (LATS) and FDLRS Instructional Specialists in the following districts: Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Monroe, Collier, and Lee Counties. Beth is the lead developer of the Department of Education/ Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) Web-based "Assistive Technology Assessment Competencies". She is an annual participant in the Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT) Consortium and the National Assistive Technology Education network. As a Speech/Language Pathologist, Beth has worked with a wide range of students with disabilities, needing augmentative communication systems and access to technologies in the classroom and beyond. Even before assistive technology was established as a key to success for students with disabilities, she was discovering tools that would provide students with avenues to participate in curricular activities and activities of daily living.

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Lawrence Siegel has been a special education attorney since 1979, has published the Nolo Press "Complete IEP Guide" for parents, served on the California Special Education Commission for 8 years, teaches special education at Hastings College of the Law, has written numerous special education laws and has advised numerous states and parental/teacher organizations on special education law. Mr. Siegel's workshop will cover the basic procedures and strategies to be used by parents when they represent their children in the IEP process.

Harlan M. Singer was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Harlan served four years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller including a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Following the service, he attended Penn State, and graduated with a B.S. in Communications from Florida International University. Upon graduation, Harlan joined the Air Reserve flying for NORAD and NATO intelligence. He entered into the financial services industry in 1987 as a sole practitioner for 16 years in the South Florida area where he specialized in comprehensive insurance planning for practitioners and employees of the medical profession. In 2004 Harlan joined the Eppy Financial Group. He is one of the firms Certified Special Care Planners, as well as a Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow and Certified Long Term Care Specialist. He is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Harlan has published several articles regarding the importance of proper planning and is the recipient of several national industry awards. Harlan is intricately involved in the special needs sphere of the practice. He contributes tirelessly in the implementation of special needs seminars for numerous organizations. Harlan travels statewide to assist special needs families with their financial planning.

Marlene Sotelo-Bumberg earned her B.A. in Music from the University of Miami and her M.S. in Diagnostic Teaching from Florida International University. She is certified by the State of Florida to teach Elementary Education, Specific Learning Disabilities K-12, and Music K-12. Ms. Sotelo-Bumberg worked in the Broward County Public Schools for 3 years where she acquired experience as a special

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Parking at Nova Southeastern University:

After entering on Nova Southeastern University Drive, go straight past the Health Professions Assembly Building. Parking is just past the building on the left, either in the parking ramp or in the parking lot before you enter the ramp. There is no cost for parking on Saturday.

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