

## 2011 ESE Parent Education Workshops January 2011 – June 2011

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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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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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**Interpreter Services: Available for Saturday workshops only (Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Sign Language)**  
**Request interpreter services when registering for a workshop.**  
**All workshops are for adults only. No childcare is provided.**

### **RESPITE 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:**  
**Broward Children's Center at (954) 941-1228 ext. 112; or**  
**United Cerebral Palsy of Broward, Inc. at (954) 315-4078**  
**For more information contact: Broward 211 (24 Hour Crisis Helpline)**  
**Dial 211 or (954) 537-0211**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Topic/Presenter	Location
<b>July 2010 - June 2011</b>		
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	<p><b>Financial Assistance for ESE Parent Conferences/Workshops</b> 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 FDLRS Parent Services at 754-321-2211 or <a href="mailto:jane.derringer@browardschools.com">jane.derringer@browardschools.com</a>. Submit a completed application 30 days prior to the conference/workshop.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> 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><b>Childcare:</b> 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. <b>Parents may apply for financial assistance from July 1, 2010—March 1, 2011.</b></p>	Local, regional, state, or national conferences or workshops
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (web-based; 24 hours per day/7 days per week)	<p><b>Additional Parent Resources/Online Tutorials</b> 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 (<a href="http://www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp">www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp</a>). Viewing each workshop takes about 30 minutes ... but go at your own pace! There are 29 tutorials including a variety of topics: <u>Exceptional Student Education</u> (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); <u>Transition from School to Community</u> (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); <u>Trusts and Special Needs Planning</u> (Tools for Independence, Involve the Whole Family), and <u>Parent Involvement</u> (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 (<a href="mailto:fndbroward@hotmail.com">fndbroward@hotmail.com</a>).</p>	Take a workshop on your own computer from the comfort of your own home.
July 1, 2010-March 1, 2011 Web-based (24 hours per day/7 days per week)  Cost: \$49.95 (payable to: Active Parenting Publishers) Financial assistance is available for parents of students with disabilities. Request an application by contacting FDLRS Parent Services at 754-321-2211. Parents may apply for financial assistance from July 1, 2010-March 1, 2011. Registration: Contact the Active Parenting Publishers at 800-825-0060 or through the website. Maximum class size 25	<p><b>Online Six-Week Workshop: Active Parenting NOW (for parents of children ages preschool-12)</b> Growing up today can be stressful for both children and parents. Active Parenting 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.</p> <p>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</p>	Learn proven Active Parenting techniques on your own computer from 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>(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 <a href="mailto:online@activeparenting.com">online@activeparenting.com</a> LOG IN: You'll receive a special USER NAME and PASSWORD</p>	<p>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"> <li>• Watch the entertaining video scenes depicting real-life family situations</li> <li>• Participate in online discussion and activities with fellow class members and your group leader</li> <li>• Review past lessons</li> <li>• Take part in optional "live chat"</li> </ul> <p><b>More info available at:</b> <a href="http://www.activeparenting.com/ParentInfo.htm">http://www.activeparenting.com/ParentInfo.htm</a></p>	
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<p><b>Monday, January 3, 2011 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting of Teens (For parents of children ages 12-18)</b> <b>Six session series: Session 1/The Active Parent</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 5 goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home! <b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Indian Ridge Middle Room 207 1355 Nob Hill Road Davie, FL 33324 754-323-3300</p>
<p><b>January 5, 2011 (9:30 am – 11:30 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting Now! (For parents of children ages 5-12)</b> <b>Six-Session Series: Session 1/The Active Parent</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children (preschool-age 12) into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 goals of their child's behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home! <b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>South Area Office (Training Room C) 1643 N. Harrison Parkway, Bldg. H Sunrise, FL 33323 754-321-3600</p>
<p><b>*Saturday* January 8, 2011 (9:00 am – 10:30 am)</b></p> <p><b>(10:30 am – 12:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Problem-Solving Techniques for Elementary Children/Helping Your Child Fit into His World</b> This session covers basic life skills necessary for elementary-aged children to master at home, school, and in their community. Parents are given brainstorming ideas, specific behavioral strategies, and step-by-step lesson plans to help their child focus on developing problem-solving skills.</p> <p><b>Problem-Solving Techniques for Secondary Students/Helping Your Child Make Good Decisions at Home, School, and Work</b> This session focuses on problem-solving issues that will help the older child</p>	<p>Broward County Public Schools Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. 600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (1<sup>st</sup> floor-Board room) Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 754 321-2211</p>

	succeed at school, relate to others, handle vocational opportunities, and become independent in solving personal issues. Parents are encouraged to develop strategies to assist their older child by using a variety of strategies. <b>Presenter: Darlene Mannix, La Porte, IN</b>	
<b>Monday, January 10, 2011 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)</b>	<b>ESE Advisory Council Meeting</b> 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. <b>Note: Registration is not required.</b>	Piper High School (Auditorium) 8000 NW 44 <sup>th</sup> Street Sunrise, FL 33351 (754) 322-1700
<b>Wednesday, January 12, 2011 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)</b>	<b>"Getting Ready for Kindergarten" Session: One</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What parents can do to prepare for kindergarten</li> <li>• Program Options</li> <li>• How to plan for this process</li> <li>• How and why diagnostic data is used</li> </ul> <b>Presenter: Lisa Hess, NBCT Karen Britton, NBCT</b>	Gator Run Elementary 1101 Glades Parkway Weston, FL 33327 (754) 323-5850
<b>Wednesday, January 19, 2011 (9:30 am - 11:30 am)</b>	<b>Active Parenting Now! (For parents of children ages 5-12) Six-Session Series: Session 2/Winning Cooperation</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children (preschool-age 12) into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 goals of their child's behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home! <b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b>	South Area Office (Training Room C) 1643 N. Harrison Parkway, Bldg. H Sunrise, FL 33323 754-321-3600
<b>Thursday, January 20, 2011 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)</b>	<b>"Getting Ready for Kindergarten" Session: Two</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What parents can do to prepare for kindergarten</li> <li>• Program Options</li> <li>• How to plan for this process</li> <li>• How and why diagnostic data is used</li> </ul> <b>Presenter: Sherry Swanson</b>	Park Springs Elementary 5800 NW 66 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Coral Springs, FL 33067 (754) 322-7750
<b>Monday, January 24, 2011 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</b>	<b>Active Parenting of Teens (For parents of children ages 12-18) Six session series: Session 2/Winning Communication</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 5 goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home! <b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active</b>	Indian Ridge Middle Room 207 1355 Nob Hill Road Davie, FL 33324 754-323-3300

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<p><b>Tuesday, January 25, 2011 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting: For Parents of Preschoolers</b>  <b>Session I: You and Your Child: Special People in a Special Relationship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn all about developmental stages of preschool aged children</li> <li>• Distinguish three styles of parenting: “too hard”, “too soft”, and “just right”</li> <li>• Learn the importance of building a parent/child bond, while emphasizing play</li> <li>• Understand the importance of parent self-care and have parents begin developing a self-care plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Gigi McIntire, Guidance Counselor, NBCT, Mirror Lake Elementary, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Mirror Lake Elementary (Media Center)  1200 NW 72 Avenue  Plantation, FL 33313  754 322-7100</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 26, 2011 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>“Getting Ready for Kindergarten” Session: Three</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What parents can do to prepare for kindergarten</li> <li>• Program Options</li> <li>• How to plan for this process</li> <li>• How and why diagnostic data is used</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Lisa Hess, NBCT  Karen Britton, NBCT</b></p>	<p>Croissant Park Elementary  1800 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315  (754) 323-5300</p>
<p><b>January 28, 2011 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting: For Parents of Preschoolers</b>  <b>Session I: You and Your Child: Special People in a Special Relationship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn all about developmental stages of preschool aged children</li> <li>• Distinguish three styles of parenting: “too hard”, “too soft”, and “just right”</li> <li>• Learn the importance of building a parent/child bond, while emphasizing play</li> <li>• Understand the importance of parent self-care and have parents begin developing a self-care plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Lori Sugar, Preschool ESE Program Specialist, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Baudhuin Preschool  7600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street  Davie, FL 33024  Phone: (954) 262-7100</p>
<p><b>*Saturday* January 29, 2011 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Helping My Child with Homework and Study Skills</b>  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.  <b>Presenter: Marjorie Montague, PhD  University of Miami</b></p>	<p>Nova Southeastern Univ.  3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd.  Alvin Sherman Library  4<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 4009  Davie, FL 33314  (954) 537-0211</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 31, 2011 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting of Teens (For parents of children ages 12-18)</b>  <b>Six session series: Session 3/Responsibility and Discipline</b>  This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to</p>	<p>Indian Ridge Middle Room 207  1355 Nob Hill Road</p>

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<b>Wednesday, February 2, 2011 (9:30 am - 11:30 am)</b>	<p><b>Active Parenting Now! (For parents of children ages 5-12)</b>  <b>Six-Session Series: Session 3/Responsibility and Discipline</b>            This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children (preschool-age 12) into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 goals of their child's behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!  <b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>South Area Office            (Training Room C)            1643 N. Harrison            Parkway, Bldg. H            Sunrise, FL 33323            754-321-3600</p>
<b>Friday, February 4, 2011 (9:00 am - 11:00 am)</b>	<p><b>Active Parenting: For Parents of Preschoolers</b>  <b>Session II: Preventing Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define discipline</li> <li>• Understand the importance of choices with young children to prevent misbehavior</li> <li>• Learn the ACT model for redirecting misbehavior</li> <li>• Using rules consistently</li> <li>• The importance of routines and expressing affection</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Lori Sugar, Preschool ESE Program Specialist, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Baudhuin Preschool            7600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street            Davie, FL 33024            Phone: (954) 262-7100</p>
<b>Monday, February 7, 2011 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</b>	<p><b>Active Parenting of Teens (For parents of children ages 12-18)</b>  <b>Six session series: Session 4/Building Courage, Redirecting Misbehavior</b>            This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 5 goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!  <b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Indian Ridge Middle            Room 207            1355 Nob Hill Road            Davie, FL 33324            754-323-3300</p>
<b>Tuesday, February 8, 2011 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</b>	<p><b>Active Parenting: For Parents of Preschoolers</b>  <b>Session II: Preventing Problems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define discipline</li> <li>• Understand the importance of choices with young children to prevent misbehavior</li> <li>• Learn the ACT model for redirecting misbehavior</li> <li>• Using rules consistently</li> <li>• The importance of routines and expressing affection</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Gigi McIntire, Guidance Counselor, NBCT, Mirror Lake Elementary, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Mirror Lake Elementary            (Media Center)            1200 NW 72 Avenue            Plantation, FL 33313            754 322-7100</p>

<p><b>Friday, February 11, 2011 (9:00 am - 11:00 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting: For Parents of Preschoolers Session III: Encouraging Positive Behavior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the choice and consequences as a discipline method</li> <li>• Handling tantrums</li> <li>• Build awareness of how to encourage children</li> <li>• Practice methods of encouragement</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Lori Sugar, Preschool ESE Program Specialist, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100</p>
<p><b>*Saturday* February 12, 2011 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Literacy Skill Development for Students with Special Learning Needs</b> The reading program presented in this workshop is designed to access students' strengths in visual learning and is appropriate for children with autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, hearing disabilities, English language learners, and learning disabilities. This top-down, language-experience reading program, is systematic, sign-assisted and follows the core sequence of match, select, and name. Reading vocabulary is personal and meaningful and used immediately in sentences. Whole words are taught by sight; letters, phonics, spelling and printing are introduced based on individual abilities and needs.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Patricia Oelwein, Bellevue, WA</b></p>	<p>Nova Southeastern Univ. 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd. Alvin Sherman Library 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 4009 Davie, FL 33314 (954) 537-0211</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 16, 2011 (9:30 am - 11:30 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting Now! (For parents of children ages 5-12) Six-Session Series: Session 4/Understanding and Redirecting Misbehavior</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children (preschool-age 12) into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 goals of their child's behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!</p> <p><b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>South Area Office (Training Room 105) 1643 N. Harrison Parkway, Bldg. H Sunrise, FL 33323 754-321-3600</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, February 22, 2011 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting: For Parents of Preschoolers Session III: Encouraging Positive Behavior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the choice and consequences as a discipline method</li> <li>• Handling tantrums</li> <li>• Build awareness of how to encourage children</li> <li>• Practice methods of encouragement</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Gigi McIntire, Guidance Counselor, NBCT, Mirror Lake Elementary, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Mirror Lake Elementary (Media Center) 1200 NW 72 Avenue Plantation, FL 33313 754 322-7100</p>
<p><b>Thursday, February 24, 2011 (9:30 am - 10:30 am)</b></p> <p><b>(10:45 am - 11:45 am)</b></p>	<p><b>The ABC's of Developing Your Child's IEP</b> The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize parents with the development and components of a quality Individual Education Plan (IEP) including: present levels performance; annual goals and short-term objectives. This session explains the IEP process and emphasizes the importance of parental participation. Helpful tips and strategies will be provided for effectively participating in your child's IEP. Information will be provided to families to increase your understanding of the IEP process and document.</p> <p><b>Florida Alternate Assessment</b> The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize parents with the Florida Alternate Assessment and the Access Points. Alternate Assessment is required for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and who are</p>	<p>South Area Office (Training Room C) 1643 N. Harrison Parkway, Bldg. H Sunrise, FL 33323 754-321-3600</p>

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<p><b>*Saturday* February 26, 2011 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Transitions: Supporting the Dreams of Children and Youth with Disabilities and their Families</b> This workshop will cover: The Transition to School and within School: Considerations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood</li> <li>• Elementary</li> <li>• Middle School</li> </ul> <p>High School and Beyond</p>	<p>Broward County Public Schools Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. 600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (1<sup>st</sup> floor-Board room) Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 754 321-2211</p>
<p><b>Monday, February 28, 2011 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting of Teens (For parents of children ages 12-18)</b> <b>Six session series: Session 5/Drugs, Sexuality, and Violence: Reducing the Risks, Part One</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 5 goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!</p> <p><b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Indian Ridge Middle Room 207 1355 Nob Hill Road Davie, FL 33324 754-323-3300</p>
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<p><b>Wednesday, March 2, 2011 (9:30 am - 11:30 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting Now! (For parents of children ages 5-12)</b> <b>Six-Session Series: Session 5/Building Courage, Character, &amp; Self-Esteem</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children (preschool-age 12) into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 goals of</p>	<p>South Area Office (Training Room C) 1643 N. Harrison Parkway, Bldg. H Sunrise, FL 33323 754-321-3600</p>

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<p><b>March 4, 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am - 11:00 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Family Literacy</b> This workshop will address the six skills needed to get children ready to read. Parents will learn how to teach early literacy skills in the home as well as fun activities to encourage participation from their child.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Lori Sugar, Preschool ESE Program Specialist, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100</p>
<p><b>*Saturday*</b> <b>March 5, 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am - 12:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Helping My Child Develop a Healthy Self-Esteem</b> This presentation will provide parents an overview about identifying when their children are experiencing feelings of inadequacy and poor self-esteem. Parents will learn the importance of knowing their children's strengths and weaknesses, and how these play a big part in the development of one's personal self worth. More importantly, parents will understand the power of fostering self-esteem by expressing affection and support, and setting up realistic goals and objectives for achievement.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Kity Laboriel, Psy.D., Head Start Mental Health Specialist, Broward County Public Schools</b></p>	<p>Nova Southeastern Univ. 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd. Alvin Sherman Library 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 4009 Davie, FL 33314 (954) 537-0211</p>
<p><b>Monday,</b> <b>March 07, 2011</b> <b>(6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting of Teens (For parents of children ages 12-18)</b> <b>Six session series: Session 6/Drugs, Sexuality, and Violence: Reducing the Risks, Part Two</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 5 goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!</p> <p><b>Presenter: Jane Derringer, FDLRS Program Specialist-Parent Services, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Indian Ridge Middle Room 207 1355 Nob Hill Road Davie, FL 33324 754-323-3300</p>
<p><b>Wednesday,</b> <b>March 23, 2011</b> <b>(9:30 am - 11:30 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Active Parenting Now! (For parents of children ages 5-12)</b> <b>Six-Session Series: Session 6/The Active Family Now</b> This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children (preschool-age 12) into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 goals of their child's behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!</p>	<p>South Area Office (Training Room C) 1643 N. Harrison Parkway, Bldg. H Sunrise, FL 33323 754-321-3600</p>

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<b>*Saturday*</b> <b>March 26, 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)</b>	<b>Improving a child's attention, focus, and function through self-regulation</b> Self-regulation, also known as sensory modulation, is a foundation skill needed for all children to sit quietly, attend and learn. The goal of sensory modulation is to get the child into a calm alert state, a state in which the child is alert, attentive and eager to learn. A child with sensory modulation disorder (SMD) may display any or all of the three types of modulation difficulties. They may be a sensory seeker, passive under-responder or an over-responder. This workshop will explore the types of SMD seen, characteristics of each type, and strategies to improve the child's attention, focus and function. Videos will be used to clarify the characteristics and behaviors seen. Time will be allotted to answer questions. <b>Presenters: Carolyn Murray, M.S., OTR and Betty Paris, M.Ed., PT STAR Services, Inc., Hollywood, FL</b>	Broward County Public Schools Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. 600 SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue (1 <sup>st</sup> floor-Board room) Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 754 321-2211
<b>Monday,</b> <b>March 28, 2011</b> <b>(7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)</b>	<b>ESE Advisory Council Meeting</b> 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. <b>Note: Registration is not required.</b>	Piper High School (Auditorium) 8000 NW 44 <sup>th</sup> Street Sunrise, FL 33351 (754) 322-1700
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<b>*Saturday*</b> <b>April 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am – 1:00 pm)</b>  <b>Cost is Free!</b> <b>Breakfast will be provided by UM/NSU CARD</b>	<b>Parent Institute</b> More info to follow. <b>Presenters: Sue &amp; John Cabot</b>	Nova Southeastern Univ. 3200 S. University Drive Davie, FL 33328 Health Professions Assembly Bldg. 954-262-1000
<b>Saturday*</b> <b>April 2, 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)</b>	<b>Tools for Positive Behavior Change: Changing Behavior &amp; Improving Parent &amp; Child Relationship</b> This workshop is for parents who have children who misbehave often and as a result have negative home-environment. It will provide participants with a review of common parenting approaches that are rarely effective, but often used. It will address reactive versus proactive parenting approaches and provide participants with a variety of parenting strategies that will not only improve behavior, but also result a more positive relationship between the parent and child. <b>Presenter: David Garcia</b>	Broward County Public Schools Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. 600 SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue (1 <sup>st</sup> floor-Board room) Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 754 321-2211
<b>Friday,</b> <b>April 8, 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am – 11:00 am)</b>	<b>Family Math for Preschool</b> Learn how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foster a positive attitude toward math.</li> <li>▪ Integrate math concepts and activities into everyday life through experiences such as preparing dinner, shopping, and playing games.</li> <li>▪ Support your child's understanding and use of math skills</li> </ul> <b>Presenter: Lori Sugar, Preschool ESE Program Specialist, Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b>	Baudhuin Preschool 7600 SW 36 <sup>th</sup> Street Davie, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 262-7100
<b>*Saturday*</b> <b>April 16, 2011</b> <b>(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)</b>	<b>Family Yoga: For Children, Parent Partners, and Siblings</b> For preschool students and parents (9:00 – 9:30 am) For lower elementary students and parents (9:45 – 10:15 am) For upper elementary students and parents (10:30 – 11:00 am) For middle and high school students and parents (11:15 – 11:45 am) 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	Broward County Public Schools Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. 600 SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue (1 <sup>st</sup> floor-Board room) Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 754 321-2211

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Louise Goldberg, MA</b>  <b>Licensed Massage Therapist/Certified Yoga Instructor</b>  <b>Creative Relaxation, Margate, FL</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday,</b>  <b>April 25, 2011</b>  <b>(7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>ESE Advisory Council Meeting</b>  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.  <b>Note: Registration is not required.</b></p>	<p>Piper High School  (Auditorium)  8000 NW 44<sup>th</sup> Street  Sunrise, FL 33351  (754) 322-1700</p>
<p><b>*Saturday*</b>  <b>April 30, 2011</b>  <b>(9:00 am – 12:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Building Respect and Abolishing Bullying in our Homes and Schools</b>  Participants will receive an in-depth overview of bullying to help them protect their children whether they may be an aggressor, target, or bystander. The tools given will be useful both within the home and school environment. The workshop will focus on the three key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is bullying and what are today's trends in violence including cyber-bullying and sexting?</li> <li>• Why should we care about bullying - what are its short and long term effects on each of us? and</li> <li>• What can we as parents can do to help our children prevent and intervene safely when bullying occurs?</li> </ul> <p><b>Presenter: Aimee C. Wood, Prevention Specialist,</b>  <b>Broward County Public Schools</b></p>	<p>Broward County Public Schools  Kathleen C. Wright Bldg.  600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  (1<sup>st</sup> floor-Board room)  Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  754 321-2211</p>
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<p><b>Friday,</b>  <b>May 6, 2011</b>  <b>(9:00 am – 11:00 am)</b></p>	<p><b>Toilet Training Preschoolers with Special Needs</b>  This intensive toilet training program is designed to help parents train children who have not been successful in previous attempts at toilet training. The workshop will address readiness signs, preparation, materials needed, toileting procedures and the coordination between home and school.  <b>Presenter: Lori Sugar, Preschool ESE Program Specialist,</b>  <b>Broward County Public Schools, Certified Active Parenting Leader</b></p>	<p>Baudhuin Preschool  7600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street  Davie, FL 33024  Phone: (954) 262-7100</p>
<p><b>*Saturday*</b>  <b>May 7, 2011</b>  <b>(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for your Special Ed Child</b>  A workshop with families that will generally follow the recommendations and strategies of the "The Complete IEP Guide." The goal of the workshop is to provide families with both the information and confidence to represent their children in the IEP process. Families are encouraged to come to the workshop with specific questions regarding Assessments, Goals and Objectives, Related Services, Least Restrictive Environment, and any other IEP matters - the workshop will be "interactive" with Lawrence Siegel introducing each subject, but asking families to partake in a give and take throughout the workshop.  <b>Presenter: Michael Zatopa, Attorney, San Francisco, CA</b></p>	<p>Broward County Public Schools  Kathleen C. Wright Bldg.  600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  (1<sup>st</sup> floor-Board room)  Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  754 321-2211</p>
<p><b>Thursday,</b>  <b>May 12, 2011</b>  <b>(9:00 am – 12:00 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>Surrogate Parent Training</b>  Do you know a caring adult who would be interested in serving as a Surrogate Parent volunteer to help a student who needs assistance in making decisions regarding their education? This is a rewarding opportunity to make an important difference in the life of a child. The Surrogate Parent Training provides information and resources to interested individuals so that they may represent students with disabilities in the special education process when no parent can be identified, the parents' whereabouts are unknown, the child is in foster care, the child is an unaccompanied homeless youth or the child is a ward of the state. Surrogate Parent volunteers receive a background security clearance (fingerprinting). School Board employees are exempt from participating.</p>	<p>KCW 9<sup>th</sup> Floor/ESE  West Conference Room  600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  Fort Lauderdale, FL  33301  754-321-2211</p>

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#### **About the Presenters:**

**Opal T. Bennett** is the School/Parent Liaison with the Exceptional Student Education Department of Broward County Public Schools. Mrs. Bennett provides support to schools and parents regarding processes and procedures of Exceptional Student Education. Mrs. Bennett holds a Bachelors degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Georgia. She also has earned Masters degrees in Varying Exceptionalities and Educational Leadership from Georgia State University and Florida Atlantic University respectively. Mrs. Bennett has taught students with varying exceptionalities in Georgia and Florida. She has served as an ESE Specialist and Program Specialist for Broward County Public Schools since 2004.

**Richard Blumberg** holds a Ph.D. in Special Education and Rehabilitation from the University of Oregon, and an M.A. in Counseling from the University of San Francisco. Dr. Blumberg is an Associate Professor in the Department of Special Education, Language and Literacy at the College of New Jersey and is a Psychotherapist and Consultant in private practice. He is currently Co-Director of the Career and Community Studies Program, and co-editor of the NADD bulletin, the publication of the National Association for Dual Diagnosis. He conducts research and has published articles and book chapters in the areas of Positive Behavioral Support, the Transition from School to Adult Life, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and the needs of individuals who are dually diagnosed with mental illness and intellectual 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.

**Karen Britton** has been an ESE teacher in Broward County Public Schools for over 10 years. She has a Preschool Handicapped Endorsement and is certified K-12 and age 3 to Grade 3.

**Jane Derringer** is the FDLRS Program Specialist- Parent Services with the Broward County Public Schools. She facilitates parent trainings for parents of children with special needs. She also facilitates the online Professional Development modules (PDA) offered to teachers through the Florida Department of Education Bureau of Exceptional Student Education. Jane has been with the Broward County Schools since 1976, with a degree in Speech Correction and Exceptional Student Education grades pre k -adulthood. Jane has also served as an ESE Specialist and Program Specialist for Autism and Behavior.

**David Garcia** is the Clinical Director of Behavior Analysis, Inc. He earned his graduate degree in Behavior Analysis from the University of North Texas in 1996 and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Mr. Garcia has conducted training workshops throughout the United States and internationally on topics related to children with autism and special needs. He has published several studies related to challenging behavior and has served as a guest reviewer for the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis. In 2008 he was selected as the Outstanding Clinician of the year by the University of Miami and Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.

**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.**

**Lisa Hess, Integrated Preschool Teacher, Gator Run Elementary. She has a Bachelor of Science/Special Education K-12, from Lock Haven University, Pennsylvania. Also, she is a National Board Certified Teacher/Endorsement in Pre-K Disabilities & ESOL, Certification -Age 3 to Grade 3.**

**Kity Laboriel** is a Florida Licensed Clinical Psychologist and the Mental Health Specialist in the Head Start Department in Broward County. She has 13 years of experience working in the mental health field serving adolescents, children, and families. Dr. Laboriel is also the parent of a child with special needs who has achieved remarkable goals regarding self-esteem in her first year of school.

**Darlene Mannix** has over 25 years of experience as a classroom teacher in both general and special education. She has taught learning disabled, emotionally impaired, and mentally challenged students from preschool to high school, and is currently a Title 1 reading/math teacher. She is the best-selling author of numerous books for special educators.

**Gigi McIntire** has been an elementary school guidance counselor in Broward County since 1995. She previously taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades at the University School for fifteen years. Mrs. McIntire graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a bachelors degree in preschool/primary education in 1979. She later earned a masters degree in gifted education and a guidance and counseling certification from Nova Southeastern University. In addition to over 30 years of experience in education, she holds a national board certification in guidance and counseling. Mrs. McIntire has been a Certified Active Parenting Leader since 2003 and has taught several parenting classes at Mirror Lake Elementary

**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.

**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 remediating learning, attention, and behavior disorders.

**Patricia Oelwein, M.Ed.**, a consultant in private practice, worked at the University of Washington in the Down Syndrome Programs for twenty-five years as teacher, coordinator, and outreach trainer. Over the past 35 years, in her positions as outreach trainer and consultant, she has provided training in specialized educational methods for students with special learning needs throughout the United States and in fourteen other countries spanning six continents. Her publications include research articles, chapters in textbooks, assessments, and two books on teaching reading.

**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.

**Mr. Zatopa** has been practicing law for more than 25 years. He represents private non-profit corporations in contracting, licensing, rate-setting and other governmental matters involving youth mental health and disability law, as well as representing private residential treatment programs and schools, group homes, developmental programs and mental health providers. He also mediates disputes involving special education issues.

**Sherry Swanson** has Masters Degree in Special Education from Florida Atlantic University. She has worked for Broward County Schools for the past 23 years. She has served as the Broward County Schools liaison for 10 contracted Preschool Agency Programs for the past 18 years. Prior to this, she was the Grant Manager for a State Preschool Assessment Training Grant.

**Lori Sugar** is a Program Specialist with the Pre-K ESE Department of the Broward County Schools. Ms. Sugar provides ongoing staff development for the preschool ESE classes in the county. She provides on site technical assistance and assists school support staff and administration in understanding the essential components of a preschool ESE classroom. She has served as a preschool ESE classroom teacher, Reading Specialist and Behavior Specialist. She has over 20 years experience in working with young children with special needs.

**Aimee Wood** works within Student Support Services, Office of Prevention Programs for the Broward County Public Schools. Ms. Wood began her career as a Family Counselor, working with youth deemed ungovernable, runaway and truant, then moved on to write a Sun-Sentinel parenting advice column for seven years, and finally focused her efforts on violence and substance abuse prevention within the Office of Prevention by being both a trainer and the co-creator of a Telly Award winning television show, "Reality Avenue". This presenter has trained thousands of students, teachers and parents on bullying and the power that each of us holds to prevent violence and intervene safely.

