

Proudly Present our First Annual Special Education Conference



Assistive Technology & Personal Skills Training: Perfect Partners in Educating LD Learners at All Levels of Ability

7:45 - 8:45 AM: Registration: Main Entrance Desk (refreshments & visit vendors)

8:45 - 9:00 AM: Welcome and Introduction

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Session 1

Gifted/Talented with LD: a Paradox for Educators, Parents and Employers

The focus is on theoretical implications and instructional challenges that face individuals in education and beyond. Research shows that learning disabilities do not disappear when one leaves school and can occur across an individual's lifespan. We will correlate the benefits of assistive technology to LD learners with success in school, life and the workplace.

Speaker: Karen Thornton, Assistive Technology Advisor, KMT Consulting & Associates, Oakville, ON

10:00 - 11:00 AM: Session 2:

New Problems Facing Gifted and LD Learners in Education

What are the strategies and challenges faced by educators and employers who work and interact with gifted and LD learners in many settings? We will discuss topics that include understanding special education laws; using interactive tools to engage all levels of learners in the classroom and in the workplace; self-esteem issues, and ways to enhance productivity.

Speaker: Dr. Patricia Bucci, Psychologist, Independent Consultant/OPA Project

11:00 - 11:15 AM: Break (refreshments & visit vendors)

11:15 - 12:15 PM: Session 3:

iPod/iPad — Revolutionary Educational Tools

Explore mainstream apps that have cross-pollinated into the education/professional arena and support learners at all levels of challenges. Users of traditional technology will see how mainstream apps are used to meet the needs of individuals in education and the workplace. Manipulative technology can assist those who need support.

Dragon Dictation on the iPad will also be explored.

Speaker: VocaLinks Presenter

12:15 - 12:45 PM: Session 4:

Connected Parenting and Children/Teens with LD

This session will introduce the Connected Parenting model and describe how it balances empathy with limit-setting, to strengthen and deepen relationships and develop effective strategies to manage negative behaviour and avoid power struggles. For children and teens with more complex emotional and behavioural challenges, Connected Parenting techniques are vitally important as they help lower anxiety, build resilience and promote better impulse control and emotional regulation.

Speaker: Jennifer Kolari, MSW, RSW, Founder and Author, Connected Parenting, Toronto, ON

12:45 - 1:30 PM: Lunch and Visit Vendors

1:30 - 2:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions (Choose either Session A or B)

Session A (Room 1):

Assistive Devices of the Future

Hear about the future of technology that will be capable of impacting on the way we learn and work in our society. We will explore how these new concepts affect us and where we will see the most immediate impact.

Speaker: TBA

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North York Centre
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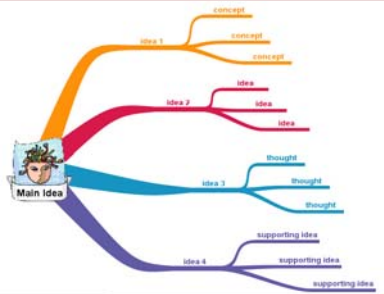
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\$150 + HST per person
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\$200 after Oct. 15 2010

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Session B (Room 2):

Kurzweil 3000 & Interactive Whiteboards: a Powerful Literacy Combination

In this interactive presentation the tools within Kurzweil 3000 will be showcased; how they can be used to support the literacy needs of all learners from a universal design perspective.

Speaker: VocaLinks Presenter

2:30 - 2:45 PM: Break (refreshments and visit vendors)

2:45 - 3:45 PM: Concurrent Sessions (Choose either Session C or D)

Session C (Room 1):

An Exciting Way to Help Gifted LD Learners & Others Achieve Success in Work and Education by Enhancing Personal Competency Skills

This session will introduce skills training and assistive technology and also engage participants in learning some of the personal competency life skills: Left-Right Brain Balancing, Improving Levels of Perception, Positive Affirmations.

Speaker: Otto Schmidt, Gifted Programming Consultant, Accent on Skills Consulting, Toronto, ON

Session D (Room 2):

Can LD Employees Succeed in the Workplace?

Yes, but...What do You Think?

Have you ever thought about the system on which our education is based? What about the good 'ole workplace? What do you want from students/employees? We will use the tools of Mindfulness and Deconstruction to bring educators, students, parents, consultants, employers and everyone, in fact, to a level of loving who we are and what we have to offer this world.

Speaker: Laura-May Culver, MSW, RSW, Consultant, Knowself Services—Foundations for Life, Toronto, ON

3:45 - 4:45 PM: Concurrent Sessions (Choose either Session E or F)

Session E (Room 1):

Tools for Success - How Assistive Technology Changes an Individual's Life

Hear the personal story of an LD adult who has used assistive technology to overcome many challenges in education and professionally. Strategies for using the tools to support achievement will be discussed.

Speaker: VocaLinks Presenter

Session F (Room 2):

Interactive Whiteboards and AT For Whole Classroom Literacy/Numeracy

Using a co-presentation model we will showcase how an assistive technologist and classroom teacher can work together using the uniquely accessible features of "Classroom Suite 4" on an interactive whiteboard. Facilitating numeracy and literacy development will be discussed.

Speaker: VocaLinks Presenter

4:45 PM - Draws for Door Prizes and Dismissal

Thank you for attending!

Please contact us at the following coordinates if you have any questions or comments:

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