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Fall 2012

A newsletter from the Parent & Educator Connection for families and educators of students receiving special education services

Parent & Educator Connection presents...

THE BEHAVIOR DOCTOR: LAURA A. RIFFEL

The Behavior Doctor

Laura A. Riffel,

November 8, 2012

This event is presented by the Parent & Educator Connection at the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency | 729 - 21st Street | Bettendorf, Iowa

Morning Session (8:30 am to 11:30 am):
will focus on positive interventions and effective strategies for students with autism spectrum disorders.
Afternoon Session (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm):
will focus on positive interventions and effective strategies for students with ADHD.

Please register at the following link:
<http://www.solutionwhere.com/mbaea/cw/showcourse>.

Evening Session (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm):
Intended for families, but all are welcome, and focuses on positive interventions for the home. Stipends are available for the evening session for families.

Please contact Carol Aden, Parent & Educator Facilitator at:
563-344-6287 or caden@aea9.k12.ia.us to register for the evening session only.

Free!
All you need to
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A little about the behavior doctor.....

Laura A. Riffel Ph.D. is a behaviorist who specializes in assisting adults to make proactive changes so that targeted behaviors of children disappear like magic. She has trained thousands of teachers, parents, counselors, psychologists, administrators, and bus drivers how to make data based decisions as a way to change behavior. Her trainings are filled with humor and make data collection easy to understand and use in any setting.



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Who Are We?

a little about the parent and educator facilitators. . . .

WHAT IS THE PEC?

The Parent & Educator Connection (PEC) provides parents and educators with opportunities to work together in positive ways to improve educational programs for children/youth with special needs. The PEC operates through each of the Area Education Agencies and is part of a statewide network. We consist of Parent & Educator Facilitators (parents of children with special needs), an Educator Representative (special education division staff member), and an area-wide steering committee (parents and educators.) The Parent & Educator Connection works to develop and sustain effective partnerships between families, educators, and community providers to promote success for all children and youth with disabilities.

Check out our PEC resources on our website which includes parent-to-parent sites, Iowa web sites and various other links for family resources: http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us/en/parent_resources/

WHAT IS TRANSITION?

Transition refers to the period of time from age 14 into young adulthood, when students prepare for and make the "transition" from high school to adult life. Transition is a process of preparation for and movement into adult life. For students with IEPs, transition services are provided by teachers, guidance counselors, AEA staff and community agency representatives, to support youth with disabilities during this critical time. For secondary students, the entire IEP process becomes focused on transition, beginning at age 14. Families play a critical role in supporting their sons and daughters during this important phase of their lives.

Check out the Transition Service Resources on our Website which includes links to Student Resources as well as Family Resources involving transition: <http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us/tab>

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP STIPENDS FOR FAMILIES:

The Parent & Educator Connection is happy to announce that we are able to offer stipends to families again this year. If you attend a local, state or national conference or workshop the PEC has funds to help out. We will reimburse families up to \$100 for expenses. If you are interested or would like more information contact Carol, Cindy or Kathy. This is a wonderful way for the PEC to help families keep informed!

New Changes to the Procedural Safeguard Manual

Parents have rights, known as procedural safeguards, that apply to every aspect of the special education process. State and Federal laws and regulations outline what needs to happen to ensure that children with identified disabilities and on an Individual Education Program (IEP) receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE). This document serves as your procedural safeguards notice and will help you understand the rights available to you and your child through a federal law, the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Iowa Administrative Rules of Special Education.

Procedural Safeguards Manual for Parents explains the specific rights and responsibilities of the parent in the special education process. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act 2004 (IDEA 2004) requires school districts to give parents the Procedural Safeguards only one time a year, except upon: initial referral or on request for evaluation; the first occurrence of the filing of a due process hearing complaint; or upon request by a parent.

This year, the Iowa Department of Education has issued a new Procedural Safeguards Manual for Parents which you should be receiving at any of the required meetings spoken of in the paragraph above. The changes are minor and there is no legal content changed. The changes are demographic in nature such as dates, contact information for one agency and updating of the State Board of Education page.

Please be sure you are offered the updated version at your child's next meeting.

NEW ADDITIONS!

New additions to the Parent & Educator Connection Resource Library!

Check out our library online at: www.aea9.k12.ia.us/en/parent_resources/ then click on the purple Parent & Educator Resource Libraries box.

- Social Skills Success for Students with Autism
- Nowhere to Hide
- Bright Not Broken
- The new Social Story Book – Revised
- The Autism Revolution
- Parenting a Struggling Reader
- The Complete Guide to Special Education: Expert Advice on Evaluations, IEP's and Helping • Kids Succeed
- The ultimate Guide to Assistive technology in Special Education, Resources for Education, Intervention and Rehabilitation
- Peer Support Strategies for improving all students Social Lives and Learning
- A buffet of Sensory Interventions: Solutions for Middle and High School Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Games and Activities for Exploring Feeling with children
- An Asperger Dictionary of Everyday Expressions,
- Why does Izzy Cover Her Ears
- Nurturing Narratives
- Social Rules for kids

We are always looking for new materials to add to our library - If you have a suggestion please contact Carol, Cindy or Kathy.