27th Annual

Midwest Educational Leadership Conference

“Disruptive Innovations in Education”

June 21 - 23, 2010

Mountain Thunder Lodge
Breckenridge, Colorado
The 27th annual conference is hosted by a multi-state committee of Directors of Special Education from the Midwest section of the United States (CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, MO, NE, and OK). The conference is designed for educational leaders who are concerned about education for all students. Whether you are a special educator, building principal, or central office administrator, this conference will be beneficial.

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Achievement in America: The Numbers and the Stories They Tell

Presentation

Join staff from the D.C.-based Education Trust for a dynamic session of data, drama, and discussion. First, we’ll take you into two different schools in a powerful one-woman performance documenting the stories of two young men and the power of educators—for better and for worse—in their lives.

Then, we will show you the data on student achievement, opportunity, and attainment and share powerful evidence from schools across the country about what works in closing gaps and raising achievement for all.

Finally, we’ll bring the data to life with a one-woman performance that will take you straight into schools—where hope, hard work, and high achievement reign and where educators and students refuse to settle for anything short of real success.

Then, we’ll turn it over to you to talk about how these issues are playing out in your schools and to share ideas with each other about what works—and what doesn’t—to raise student achievement.

Keynote Presenters

Brooke Haycock

Playwright-activist Brooke Haycock has been crafting and performing issues-focused theater with The Education Trust for nearly a decade. A former high school dropout from an urban public school system, Brooke now spends most of her time back in schools with students and educators, listening to their experiences of equity in education. Inspired by the work of documentarians Studs Terkel and Anna Deavere Smith, Brooke mixes interview with performance to produce incisive chronicles of opportunity and achievement in America. She holds a bachelor’s from The University of California, Santa Barbara and a masters from Johns Hopkins.

Daria Hall

Daria Hall is the Director of K-12 Policy Development at the Education Trust, a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to raising academic achievement and closing the gaps that separate low-income students and students of color from their peers. She has authored reports on trends in student achievement and achievement gaps, state high school graduation-rate calculations, and school accountability.
Tuesday, June 22, 2010

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Hot Buffet Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Key Note Presentation
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Afternoon Session

How to Utilize a Response to Intervention Model of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports for All Students

Presentation

This full-day session will present current research and best practices on how to prevent and respond to problem behaviors utilizing a Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) framework. PBIS provides a proactive model of behavior support that defines and teaches prosocial behaviors. PBIS can greatly reduce problem behavior and increase desired behaviors among all students. Moreover, a school-wide behavior program creates a school culture for meeting the needs of students who are at-risk for school failure.

Part 1: Preventing Problem Behaviors: Creating and maintaining an effective school-wide discipline plan
This presentation will provide educators with specific skills that: (a) promote early screening for students with academic/social-behavioral difficulties, (b) provide academic, social, behavioral, and mental health interventions that are socially valid and sensitive to ethnically and culturally diverse populations, (c) facilitate collaboration between students, teachers, parents, and community agencies, (d) train educators and parents using empirically-based best practices in instruction and intervention, and provide research validated alternatives to suspension when responding to problem behaviors.

Part 2: Responding to Problem Behaviors: Designing effective individual & group behavior plans
This presentation will provide educators with skills that will reduce the likelihood that problem behavior will occur and strategies for de-escalating problems when they do arise. It will also provide educators with tools for assessing their existing utilization of a Response to Intervention (RtI) model of support services along with strategies for strengthening their existing proactive behavior support services.

Keynote Presenter

Robert E. March, Ph.D., NCSP

Dr. March is the director and founder of Effective Educational Practices (EEP). EEP is a professional development and technical assistant organization comprised of university-based trainers with classroom experience. The mission of EEP is to transform empirical research into practical strategies. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at New York University (NYU), where he has taught courses in Adolescent Development, Educational Psychology, Behavioral Assessment, Behavioral Consultation, and Applied Psychology for the Classroom Teacher. Dr. March has worked extensively as a consultant and trainer for educators across the United States, as well as South America and Europe. He has served as a Senior Advisor to the National Urban Collaborative on Special Education Leadership since 2000 and provides professional development services to over a dozen Urban Collaborative members. Dr. March has served as an elementary classroom teacher, school psychologist, and support services coordinator.
Wednesday, June 23, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  Hot Buffet Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  Keynote Presentation
10:00 a.m. - Noon  Keynote Presentation
Conference Concludes at Noon

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
“Understanding / Implementing IDEA”

Presenter
Nancy Reder
Deputy Director, NASDSE

Nancy has served as the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) Deputy Director and Director of Government Relations since May 2000. Prior to joining NASDSE, Nancy worked as a school social worker, director of social policy for the League of Women Voters Education Fund, and on Capitol Hill as a senior staff member of the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families. Nancy has a BA and MSW degrees from the University of Michigan and a JD from Catholic University of America.

10:00 a.m. - Noon
Policy Issues: A Federal Update

Presenter
Dr. Alexa Posny (INVITED)
Assistant Secretary, OSERS

The Department of Education’s Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Dr. Alexa Posny, has been invited to speak on policy topics related to current federal policy and regulations regarding special education issues. Dr. Posny has served as the Commissioner of Education for the state of Kansas. As Commissioner, she was responsible for helping over 450,000 students meet or exceed high academic standards, licensing over 45,000 teachers, and overseeing a state education budget of a little over $4.5 billion dollars. Prior to this, Dr. Posny was appointed as the Director of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for the U.S. Department of Education, a position in which she assisted state and local efforts to effectively educate all children and youth with disabilities. Dr. Posny began her career as a teacher of students with emotional disabilities and students with learning disabilities and served as a Director of Special Education in local school districts in Kansas, Wisconsin and Illinois, and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Title I Technical Assistance Center in Kansas. She has served as adjunct professor at the University of Kansas.

(Please note - lodging reservations are the responsibility of the registrant)

Conference Lodging:
For Reservations Call: 1-888-525-1787
Identify Group Code #: BC2MW3

•Mountain Thunder Lodge
50 Mountain Thunder Drive
Breckenridge, CO 80424

Room rates are as follows:
Premium Studio..........................$140.00
One-Bedroom Suite.....................$150.00
Two-Bedroom Suite....................$185.00
Two-Bedroom Townhome...............$190.00
Three-Bedroom Suite...............$250.00
Three-Bedroom Townhome...........$255.00

•Village at Breckenridge
535 S. Park Ave.
Breckenridge, CO 80424

Room rates are as follows:
Classic Hotel Room...................$105.00
Liftside Studio.........................$120.00
Plaza One Bedroom Condo.........$134.00
Plaza Two Bedroom Condo.......$164.00
Conference Registration Form  
Midwest Educational Leadership Conference  
Breckenridge, Colorado  
June 21-23, 2010  
(Registration Limited to 140)

Please Print: (Use one form for each participant)

Name ______________________________________________  Work Phone (___) _________________

Position ________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________________________

    (Street)                               (City)                     (State)                    (Zip)

E-mail address _____________________________________________________________________________

    (Must be filled in)

Conference Fee $ ___________ ($310.00)

3 or more attendees $ ___________ ($295.00)
    per district

TOTAL Enclosed $ __________

     ________ Check Enclosed     ________ Purchase Order Enclosed

Checks Payable to: Midwest Educational Leadership Conference

Cancellation fee of $25.00 before May 14, 2010. No refund after May 14, 2010

*Registration includes presentations, conference materials, notebook, breaks, and specified
    conference meals, plus Monday evening entertainment.
    Dress: casual

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Registration form may be downloaded at:
http://www.esu6.org

Monday, June 21, 2010
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Family Fun for Everyone
Enjoy a beautiful Rocky Mountain setting and the inspirational music of
Jim Salestrom
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