

Inspiring Abilities Expo 2016 Speaker Schedule and Session Information

9:30 am

Session A1

LGI Room

Speaker Jenny Spencer, Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor

Session Title Managing Emotional Mayhem: Building a Bridge from Conflict to Solutions

Learn five steps to help you and your children transform problems into solutions through self-regulation. Based on the principles of Conscious Discipline, this session will help you gain skills that will help you handle the fussing, fighting, fits, and tantrums. Self-regulation isn't just for kids! :)

About the Speaker

Jenny Spencer is a former Special Education Teacher and the owner of Ignite Learning with Conscious Discipline LLC. After teaching Special Education for 18 years, she left her full-time position to focus more on her family and helping others learn new ways to handle challenging behavior and build loving relationships. Jenny created Ignite Learning to help teachers and parents put a little "magic" back into teaching and parenting.

As Indiana's only Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor, Jenny provides Conscious Discipline trainings throughout the state. She provides full and half-day training opportunities and make and take workshops. She speaks in public and private schools, childcare facilities, Head Start, conferences, and special events. Some parents and teachers want a more personalized experience with hands-on, in the moment guidance, which she does through on-site coaching.

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Session A2

Art Room

Speaker Maggie Mattingly, InSource

Session Title Bullying Prevention: Everyone's Responsibility-What Parents Can Do!

This workshop is designed for parents to explore the dynamics of bullying, and to learn what they can do to help children address this issue. The workshop focuses on students with disabilities, and includes a brief review of the applicable laws and available resources.

About the Speaker

Maggie Mattingly is a Regional Program Specialist with IN*Source and mother of three children, two of which had IEP's while in school. She provides trainings within the region that she supports and speaks to groups about the special education process as well as advocating for the student receiving special education services. Maggie also organizes support groups and DisAbility Resource Fairs in Madison County through her organization, Through The Eyes of Special Kids.

11:30 am

Session B1

LGI Room

Speaker Beth Waite-Lefever, MA-CCC/SLP-ATP, Children's Resource Group

Session Title Visual Supports in 10 Minutes

Using visual supports to help students with special needs attend, transition, understand behavior expectations, communicate and learn is an evidence-based strategy. But who has the time to make all this stuff? Got 10 minutes? Can you spare \$3.00 a month? Then YOU have the time and the cash. Come experience the quick and easy way to make tons of visual supports with pre-made templates and pictures with Lessonpix. For \$36.00 dollars a year, you have access to unlimited resources to make customized visual materials. This session will walk you through the LessonPix website. We'll make different visual supports on the fly and see how to access their sharing center to quickly find materials. Bring your own WiFi-enabled tablet, iPad or laptop and follow along. This session is designed for families, teachers, speech-language pathologists and other visual support enthusiasts!

About the Speaker

Beth Waite-Lafever, CCC/SLP-ATP, is a certified speech-language pathologist and assistive technology specialist with 30 years of experience. She has worked in outpatient rehabilitation, and public school, Beth as presented training sessions at the state, national, and international level. Currently she provides pediatric and adult speech-language, augmentative communication and assistive technology services at CRG in Indianapolis. She also provides evaluation/consultation, technical assistance and professional development for families and schools through her company, Breakout Engineering.

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Session B2

Art Room

Speaker Karen Jeter, MPH, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Session Title Voc Rehab 101: Work4LifeIN

This session will cover the organizational structure of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), the basic components of the Voc Rehab system, and the process of working with Voc Rehab for obtaining employment or training services for students transitioning to adulthood. Topics included will be: State Coverage; The Program; The Process: Referral; Application; Eligibility Determination; Individualized Plan for Employment; Service Implementation; Employment and Case Closure. In addition, new components for VR will be discussed, including: The New VR Services Model: The Discovery Process: Job Shadow; Situational Assessment; Vocational Counseling and Guidance; Other Discovery Activities.

About the Speaker

Karen Jeter is a graduate of Indiana State and Vincennes University. Karen is an Employment Counselor and has been with Vocational Rehabilitation for 11 years. She previously worked with the Indiana Department of Corrections and the Indiana Division of Family Resources, as well as Corrections and Child Welfare in Harrisburg, Pa.