

Second Annual Conference for Administrators on Behavior Issues



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The Midwest Symposium for
Leadership in Behavior Disorders (www.msldb.org)

October 11 & 12, 2007
KU Edwards Campus • 12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, Kansas

Intended Audience

This conference is intended specifically for *school building administrators* (principals, assistant and associate principals), although we think that other administrators (superintendents, special education directors and other district administrators) will also find this conference helpful.

Why a Conference for Administrators on “Behavior”?

The expertise and support of administrators are crucial in working with students with behavioral needs. Often little attention has been paid to the needs of administrators for knowledge and skills in working with students and staff regarding behavior and discipline issues. While we are aware of the recent focus on academic standards and testing in schools, we recognize that improving and supporting the behavior of students in school is an important element in achieving our academic goals. As a result we are trying to provide information *pertinent to school administrators*.

Keynote Presentations

- **Looking Back – Looking Forward: What Every Administrator Needs to Know About the Challenge of Behavior in Schools.**

Kay Cessna, Educational Consultant, Littleton, Colorado. Cessna was director of student services for the Jefferson County Schools during the violence at that district’s Columbine High School in 1999.

Those involved with the Columbine tragedy learned valuable lessons that point to a new direction for administrators as they deal with behavior in schools. No longer is it effective to view academics and social and behavioral needs as competitive. No longer is it seen as effective to develop programs only for those with behavioral or emotional issues. School principals are in a position to have a powerful impact on how teachers and students prevent and address behavior problems.

- **From Adderall to Zoloft: What Every Administrator Needs to Know About Medications for Students**

Steve Forness, Ed.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles. Forness also served as the principal for the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital School.

A large and growing number of students in all schools are taking prescription medications related to their behavior or mental health disorders. The variety and uses of the medications are expanding as well. What is the research about these medications, how do they work, and what are the considerations for their use in school? How can schools monitor the use of medications? Can other school behavioral interventions be used with students taking these medications? What guidelines should be in place, and how proactive should schools be in supporting the use of medications? These and other questions will be answered in this session.

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- Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services
- Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators (KASEA)

Behavior Issues for Administrators

*Space is limited!
Register TODAY!
No Walk-In Registrations!*

Receive top-quality, research-grounded information and practices tailored specifically to the needs of administrators who are working to improve the behavior of students in their schools.

**Breakout
Sessions
Presented by
Administrators
& Regional
Experts**

**Networking
Opportunities!**

**The conference
will offer
opportunities
to meet,
network and
socialize with
other building
administrators
from the
four-state
region
(Iowa, Kansas,
Missouri,
Nebraska)
and beyond.**

Preconference Workshops

Thursday Morning: Optional Workshops (additional fee – see registration form)

- **Improving Teachers' Skills at Behavior Management**
Sharon Maroney, Professor of Special Education, Western Illinois University- Quad Cities, Moline, Illinois
This workshop will focus on two areas of behavior management – prevention and intervention. Administrators will be provided with information on teacher skills in classroom management, addressing problem behavior, and promoting positive student behavior, and on increasing teacher effectiveness on an individual or a school-wide basis.
- **Creating School-Wide Discipline Procedures & Alternative Discipline Consequences**
Reece L. Peterson, Professor of Special Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska, & Carl R. Smith, Professor of Special Education, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Building administrators can revise school discipline procedures and develop a consistent school-wide approach to preventing and addressing school behavior problems. Suggestions for increasing positive behaviors and developing alternative consequences for inappropriate behaviors will be provided. A variety of strategies will be provided to assist administrators in developing and tailoring a discipline system specific to their building.
- **Crisis Planning & Management**
Scott Poland, Professor, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, former president of the National Association of School Psychologists, and chair of the NASP National Emergency Team
Few events in a school or community are more tragic than a school crisis or the death of a student or staff member. Schools have a tendency to underestimate the impact of crises. A formula will be shared for estimating the degree of "emotionality" after a death, along with examples of how to help school personnel and children cope with loss, and a practical example of delivering psychological first-aid to large numbers of school personnel after a tragedy.

Breakout Sessions

What Every Administrator Needs to Know About ...

- *School Dropout Prevention*, Suanna Wessendorf, Consultant, Iowa Department of Education
- *Conduct Disorder & Bipolar Disorder*, Rick Lindskog, Professor, Pittsburg State University, Kansas
- *Supporting Positive Behavior: A High School Principal's Lessons Learned*, Fred Skretta, Principal, Oak Park High School, North Kansas City, Missouri
- *Autism and Asperger Syndrome*, Katie Cook, Assistant Professor, University of Kansas
- *Legal Issues Regarding Discipline*, Carl Smith, Professor, Iowa State University
- *Conflict De-Escalation*, Joan Johnson, Special Education Coordinator, and Steve Vandermark, Principal, Shawnee Mission School District, Kansas
- *Seclusion and Time-Out*, Kaye Otten, Behavior Consultant, Lee's Summit School District, Missouri
- *Creating a Positive School Climate*, Deb Sisco, Principal, Colgan Alternative School, St. Joseph Public Schools, Missouri
- *Using Response to Intervention (RTI) to Develop Individualized Positive Behavior Support Plans*, Susan Lindblad, Psychologist, Grand Island Public Schools, Nebraska

Fact sheets on all topics will be provided in participants' packets.

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE (www.mslbd.org)
FOR ADDITIONAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS,
INFORMATION AND UPDATES.**

Conference Schedule

Thursday, October 11, 2007

9:00 AM - Concurrent optional workshops (additional fee).
 12:00 PM Box lunch provided to workshop participants only.

1:00 PM Keynote #1
 2:15 PM Break with refreshments
 2:30 PM Concurrent breakout sessions – I
 3:30 PM Break with refreshments
 3:40 PM Elementary & secondary: Small group discussion
 4:15 PM Concurrent breakout sessions – II
 5:15 PM Sessions conclude for the day
 5:30-7:00 PM Complimentary light dinner and cocktails at Holtze Executive Village for all conference participants

Friday, October 12, 2007

8:30 AM Keynote #2
 9:15 AM Break with refreshments
 9:30 AM Concurrent breakout sessions – III
 10:30 AM Break with refreshments
 10:45 AM Concurrent breakout sessions – IV
 12:00 PM Box lunch provided to all conference participants
 Small group discussion
 12:10 PM Concurrent breakout sessions – V
 1:45 PM
 3:00 PM Conference adjourns

Registration Fees				After Sept. 27
Conference & Preconference Workshop	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Thursday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments Box Lunch (Thur. & Fri.) Workshop & Conference Materials 	\$245	\$299
Conference Only	1:00 PM – 5:30 PM Thursday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments Box Lunch (Fri. Only) Conference Materials 	\$195	\$255
Preconference Workshop Only <i>Choose 1 of 3 sessions</i>	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshments Box Lunch (Thur. Only) Conference Materials 	\$110	\$150

Conference Location & Accommodations

Conference Information

All conference sessions will be held at KU Edwards Campus, 12610 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS 66213-2402. FREE PARKING. Directions to KU Edwards Campus http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/1_AboutKUEC/Map_and_Directions.htm.

Hotel Information

The Holtze Executive Village*

11400 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210

Phone: 913-344-8100; Fax: 913-344-8200; Website: <http://www.4holtze.com/>

Special conference rate for guestrooms: \$89/night or \$109 for a suite • Hot tub, pool, free high-speed Internet access, complimentary breakfast, complimentary social hour and many other amenities!

Special Rate Group Code: adminconf, available until September 10, 2007. REGISTER EARLY!

*Holtze Executive Village is located approximately 2 miles north of the KU Edwards Campus

Flying In

To get to the KU Edwards Campus or Holtze Executive Village, auto rental is your best option. Detailed driving directions will be included in your confirmation letter.

Sponsor

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Cancellations postmarked before September 21 are subject to a \$35 administrative fee.

No refunds will be issued after September 21.

Choose one of the following registration options:

- | | | After Sept 27 | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preconference Workshop and Conference | \$245 | \$299 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Conference ONLY | \$195 | \$255 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preconference Workshop ONLY | \$110 | \$150 |

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

If attending a preconference workshop, please indicate your 1st choice as well as an alternate choice.

_____ • Improving Teacher Skills at Behavior Management, Sharon Maroney

_____ • Creating School-Wide Discipline Procedures & Alternative Discipline Consequences, Reece Peterson & Carl Smith

_____ • Crisis Planning & Management, Scott Poland

PAYMENT

To process your registration, we require one of the following:

Check payable to Midwest Symposium

Agency purchase order enclosed

**All registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited! REGISTER EARLY!!
No walk-in registration.**

RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION TO:

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