

Schedule of Events:

Leadership Meeting

Crowne Plaza Melbourne Ocean-
front Resort and Spa

2605 North Highway A1A

Indialantic (Melbourne), Florida
32903 USA

Tel: 321-777-4100

Rates will be \$109 per night June
10 and 11.



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A Message from the President

Dear FCEC Member-
ship,

I write to you today hav-
ing finally recovered
from the fast paced Na-
tional Conference in Na-
tional Harbor. What an
amazing convention to be
a part of! The action
never stopped and it
seemed everyone was
thoroughly enjoying
themselves as they flew
from event to event.

I was particularly happy
with the event Tuesday
evening when all of those
folks who attended from
Florida were treated to a
couple of free drinks
courtesy of the FCEC
Board and Ken Campbell
of Great Leaps. There
were at least 50 people
who came to the Belve-
dere Lounge at some
point and relaxed, col-
laborated, networked,
laughed and enjoyed
each other. That is my
favorite kind of event,
and it was well worth the
effort and the expense.
Florida is strong and
made quite a presence at
the convention. I was
very proud. Several ac-
quaintances from other
states were intrigued by
our gathering and the
idea behind it. Thank

you, Ken, for being the
impetus.

Another event where I
was quite proud as
President of FCEC was
the Yes! I Can Awards
Program Wednesday
evening. We had 3 stu-
dents win an award.
They are Megan Diffey
from Lakeland, who
won in the area of Aca-
demics with incredible
accomplishments,
Christopher Benjamin
from Ft. Lauderdale,
who won in the area of
The Arts as an accom-
plished actor, and Ha-
ley Moss from Park-
land, who also won in
The Arts as an accom-
plished self-taught art-
ist in Japanese anime
and computerized art. I
had a chance to con-
gratulate and speak
with each of these in-
credible students and
their dedicated parents
at the reception for
them afterwards. The
concept of “disability”
never entered my mind
when I spoke with
them about what they
do in a day. I encour-
age each of you to
check out the website
of Haley Moss when
you get a few minutes
and you will see what I

mean by amazing.
www.haleymossart.com
She even sold a book
that she authored in the
Exhibitor and Vendor
Hall at this convention.
It is titled “*Middle
School: The Stuff No-
body Tells You About,*” a
sort of survival guide to
middle school and
geared for girls with
ASD.

In closing I encourage
you to make plans to
attend the annual Lead-
ership Conference June
10-11 in Indialantic
(Melbourne). Informa-
tion on this conference
is available elsewhere in
this newsletter and on
the FCEC website
www.floridacec.org This
conference is much
smaller and more inti-
mate than our state con-
ference, as it is specifi-
cally geared to learning
how FCEC is organized
and how to be an effec-
tive officer. Anyone can
attend, and I encourage
you to do so.
See you in June!

Paula

Paula Evans - Proud
FCEC President

2010-2011 Florida CEC Board Members

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Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC)

Membership link to join CEC:

<http://www.cec.sped.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Membership>

Do you know who your Chapter's Regional Representative is?

Chapter #	Chapter Name	Membrship total	Area covered	Regional Rep.
3	Bethune-Cookman	9	College	Kim Pawling
75	Jacksonville	67	Jacksonville	Judy Glendenning
121	Miami	169	Miami	Diana Morales
155	Orange Co.	115	Orlando	Kim Pawling
161	Barry Univ	5	Miami	Diana Morales
176	Suncoast	82	Largo, St Pete	Paula Shuler Evans
194	Tampa Bay	92	Tampa, Lutz	Paula Shuler Evans
200	Palm Beach	86	West Palm,	Gayle
209	Polk Co.	9	Lakeland	Kim Pawling
243	Bay County	28	Panama City	Diane Johnson
270		25	Ft. Myers	Paula Shuler Evans
275	Monroe Co.	11	The Keys	Elizabeth Cramer
277	UNF	7	J'ville	Judy Glendenning
296	Sunset	78	Sarasota, Mana.	Paula Shuler Evans
303		14	Melb. Vero	Janet Raney
311	Big Bend	59	Tallahassee	Diane Johnson
328	FSU	6	Tallahassee	Diane Johnson
399	USF	5	Tampa	Paula Shuler Evans
401		15	Leesburg	Janet Raney
507	UF	5	Gainesville	Joyce Harth
563	Volusia	44	DeLand	Janet Raney
770	UWF	5	Navarre, Pace	Diane Johnson
822	FIU	7	Miami	Elizabeth Cramer
845	UCF	19	Orlando	Kim Pawling
921	Seminole	132	Eustis, Alt. Spr.	Kim Pawling
944	Pasco Co.	25	Land O Lakes	Paula Shuler Evans
1024	Gatorland	93	Gainesville	Diane Johnson
1050	UCF-Cocoa	16	Cocoa,	Kim Pawling
1161	Osceola	12	Kissimmee	Kim Pawling
1195	Flagler Co.	10	St. Augustine	Judy Glendenning
1210	Miami-Dade College	17	Miami-Dade College	Diana Morales
At-Large		101		Paula Shuler Evans/Jamie DeClerico
Total Chapters		1286		19

Florida Council for Exceptional Children

2011 Leadership Conference

Making a Splash

June 10-11, 2011

Crown Plaza Melbourne Ocean Front

2601 N. A1A

Indialantic, FL 32903



Participant Information (Please Print)

Name: _____ Current email: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Professional Position: _____

Chapter Name/Number: _____ Chapter Role 2010-2011: _____

Interested in a position on the CEC Board: _____

Special Accommodations? Yes. Please Explain: _____

Registration Fees and Payment Information

\$50 Current CEC Professional Member

\$20 Current CEC Student Member

Registration fee includes meal events, speakers and materials.

Mail your completed registration form and check, payable to FCEC, by May 20, 2011.

Dr. Elizabeth Cramer, Past President

16219 SW 78th Avenue

Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Hotel information

Standard Room Special Rate \$109 per night . Be sure to refer to FCEC Leadership and call the hotel directly for reservations by 3 p.m. on 5-20-2011 at 877-701-9252. Rates are good for 2 days prior and post and include free parking!

Membership News

Membership Awards to be Presented at Leadership

FCEC will be presenting two awards for membership at our Leadership Conference in June. The chapter that demonstrates the greatest increase in membership will be recognized and chapter that grows membership by the greatest percentage will also receive an award (acknowledges growth in smaller chapters).

Contact Bianca Stidham cec.bianca@gmail.com, membership chair, for additional information.

Chapter and Subdivision News

Chapter 563

Fundraising & Transition Scholarships

The Volusia Chapter of CEC (Daytona/Deland) has had a very busy spring season. The groups recently hosted a fundraiser breakfast for Administrative Assistant's Day in April and coordinated this with the school district's end-of-year ESE Department meeting. The chapter served hot egg dishes, Danishes, fruit, juice and coffee to raise nearly \$1,000 with this single event.

After a successful Tennis Tournament and silent auction fundraiser, the Volusia CEC raised enough money to provide transition scholarships to senior ESE students throughout their district. Senior students in Volusia County will receive scholarships in May to assist with transition expenses. In addition to attending traditional college programs, some students receiving scholarship awards will be participating in UCF's self-sufficiency program or supported competitive employment. Students will be honored at their schools' senior awards ceremonies.

Division for Learning Disabilities

The Division for Learning Disabilities is reorganizing and planning a meeting at the Leadership Conference in Melbourne, Florida June 10-11 2011. If you are interested in joining DLD or would like to attend the meeting, please contact Diana Morales at dmorales@mccsedu.org



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Florida Council for Exceptional Children
"Rally on the River with Florida CEC"
2011 Annual Conference

NEW DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2011

The Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC) would like to invite all interested persons to submit proposals for the 65th Annual FCEC Conference, hosted by Jacksonville Chapter #75 with assistance from University of North Florida Student Chapter #277, to be held at the Crown Plaza Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL, on October 20-22, 2011. The Conference will continue the collaborative efforts with school districts, universities, family organizations in Florida, and the Florida Association Student CEC. Together we will celebrate our mutual commitment to children and youth with special needs. There will be nine (9) strands highlighted this year. We encourage that all presentations target the specified topics listed under each strand.

Presentations shall be in one of the following formats:

Demonstration/Lecture Session: consists of an individual or group presentation to increase the knowledge of the participants with the expectation that the presenter will provide informational packets with the presentation. Time limitation for this type session is 50 minutes each.

Panel Session: consists of an oral presentation by three or more speakers intended to increase the level of awareness for the participants in a particular interest area with the expectation that the presenters will provide informational packets with the presentation. Time limitation for this type session is 50 minutes each.

Interactive Session: consists of an individual or group presentation to increase the knowledge of the participants through interactive information dissemination and activities with the expectation that the presenter will provide materials and informational packets with the presentation. Time limitation for this type session is 100 minutes.

Poster Sessions: consist of a display of various innovative strategies. Multiple poster sessions will be available for viewing with presenter interaction throughout the overall poster session timeslot. Presenters of poster sessions are expected to be available during the time allotment. Time limitation for this type session is 60 minutes each

2011 FCEC Conference Strands: 9 total

Strand 1: School Climate and Discipline

Suggested topics for sessions

School-wide approaches
Positive behavioral support
Functional assessments of behavior
Behavior intervention plans
Research-validated practice
Prevention of bullying

Strand 2: Family/School Partnerships

Suggested topics for sessions:

Developing trust, collaboration and partnerships
Involving families of students with disabilities
Parent education, training and resources
Families as faculty
Para educator training and support
Participation in statewide assessments
State parent information and support sources

Strand 3: School, District and State Administrative and Personnel Issues

Suggested topics for Sessions:

Legal issues regarding the implementation of IDEA 2004

No Child Left Behind

State, District and School-Based accountability
Professional Development Partnerships
Teacher preparation and out-of-field teachers
Mentoring programs
Critical teacher shortages
Alternate certification
RACE TO THE TOP

Strand 4: Early Childhood**Suggested topics for sessions:**

Early Intervention
Collaboration between agencies and families
Effective learning strategies for young children
Child development
Assessment strategies for sensory impairments

Strand 5: Technology**Suggested topics for sessions:**

Professional development
Evidence-based practices in the classroom
Web-based distance learning

Strand 6: Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Exceptionalities: especially: autism, sensory impairments, intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities**Suggested topics for sessions:**

Access, participation, progress in general curriculum
Effective instructional practices
School-to-work, career, vocational transition services
Appropriate accommodations
Alternate assessment and curriculum
Collaboration between special and general education
Participation in statewide assessments
Research-based practices in the classroom
RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)

Strand 7: Culturally, Linguistically, and Socially Diverse Students with Exceptionalities**Suggested topics for sessions:**

Urban Education Issues
Bilingual Issues and English Language Learners
Over/ under representation of minority students in exceptional education
Closing achievement gaps
Teaching for Social Justice
Strengths, Prevention, and Empowerment
Language and Literacy Learning in Multilingual Settings

Strand 8: Gifted and Talented Students**Suggested topics for sessions:**

Dual Diagnosis students
Research-based practices in the classroom

Access, participation, progress in general curriculum
Effective instructional practices
Collaboration between special and general education

Strand 9: Future Professionals:

Student Kaleidoscope:

Call for Poster Presentations
Undergraduate Research – any topic
Graduate Research – any topic
And
Invited Panel of Experts:
Your Portfolio and Resume
Interviewing
Expectations in the First Year
Professional Development Plan

SUBMISSION PROCESS

If more than two presenters will participate in this session, please attach the contact information for each additional person.

The submission packet must include the following:

A 100-300-word abstract describing the presentation.

A brief 75-100 word description to be included in the program.

A cover sheet (outlined below)

Please submit your proposal by May 31st, 2011 to:

Dr. Kimberly Pawling, Program Chair

Email: fceconference@gmail.com

15301 Stonebriar Way

Orlando, FL 32826

Presenter Guidelines and Requirements:

1. Individuals may submit proposals.
2. Please do not list individuals as presenters unless you have a definite commitment that they will present.
3. Sessions will be scheduled throughout the conference. Presenters are expected to be available at their scheduled time.

Please note that all presenters are responsible for all registration fees and expenses.

For the primary contact, please type or print:

Name: Dr. Ms. Mr. _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Summer Contact Information, if different from above: _____

Please note: All presenters are required to pre-register for and pay for the conference. No expense or honorarium payments are available.

FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
Presentation Proposal Cover Sheet

Title of the presentation (as it should appear in the Conference Program)

Presenter(s) names(s)/contact information (as it should appear in the Program)

Strand (select one)

- School Climate and Discipline
- Family/School Partnerships
- Administrative and Personnel Issues
- Early Childhood
- Technology
- Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Exceptionalities
- Diverse Students with Exceptionalities
- Gifted and Talented Students
- Future Professionals -

* NOTE - EXTENDED DEADLINE for Undergraduate & Graduate student research Poster Sessions. Student Poster sessions will be accepted UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11, 2011.- -

Disability focus:

Topic:

Presentation Format (select one)

- Demonstration/Lecture Session
- Panel Session
- Interactive Session
- Poster Session

Description of the presentation: (as it should appear in program - limit to 50 words)

Has this program been presented at any other professional meeting?

(If yes, please indicate when and where)

Selection Process

The Program Chair and the Advisory Committee members will review all submissions. Presenters will be notified by June 30, 2011. If your submission is not chosen for presentation, would you be willing to present your material in a poster session?

Yes ___ No ___

**BALLOT**

Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC)

Vice President

Term: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Vote for **one** candidate

Kelly Grillo, is a PhD candidate at the University of Central Florida. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Rutgers University and her master's degree in exceptional student educational from University of Central Florida. She began her journey into teaching at the PACE Center for Girls of Volusia/Flagler providing students with emotional disturbance support as the Spirited Girls Teacher and case manager. Two years later she joined the Volusia County Public Schools as a co-teacher in the Sciences. In, 2007-08 Kelly was awarded the CEC Timucuan Chapter (#563) Co-Teacher Team of the Year with then co-teacher Laura Hannan. Currently, Kelly is the lead graduate assistant for the UCF/Lockheed Martin Mathematics and Science Academy and a Project LEAD scholar. Her dissertation entitled An Investigation of the Effects of Using Digital Flash Cards to Increase Biology Vocabulary Knowledge in High School Students with Learning Disabilities compliments her mission of supporting content literacy for students with language-based learning disabilities. Kelly has served as the interim Student Representative for the FCEC board and is also a board member for the Personnel Improvement Center at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education in Washington D.C. Her enthusiasm for supporting the great state of Florida in the achieving the overall mission of CEC to improved educational outcomes for persons with disabilities is personal. Kelly has become an advocate for students with Learning Disabilities so that she herself can accept her own disability.

Please send your vote for the candidate or a write in to cec.cramer@gmail.com by May 31.

FCEC CAN UPDATE

FCEC had a great representation at the March 2011 Coalition for the Education of Exceptional Students (CEES) Training and Legislative visits in Tallahassee. As usual, Diane Johnson – CEES President organized an informative training. Bob and John Cerra, CEES information specialists presented the proposed educational budget and reviewed bills being considered by our state legislators. This would not be possible of course without the support CEES receives from organizations such as FCEC, chapters and division groups, and individual donations. We are proud to be one of the leading groups to sustain this needed link to strengthen our political advocacy for our students and our profession. Below are some of the key issues that were addressed in March. Whatever our stance on the bills might be, it is important we pay attention on how they play out in the future and lending our voice to our legislative representatives to how these laws affect our students and the education profession.

Relating to Educational Personnel (Wise –SB076) Education Personnel; Cites this act as the "Student Success Act." Revises provisions relating to the evaluation of instructional personnel and school administrators. Requires the Department of Education to approve each school district's instructional personnel and school administrator evaluation systems. Requires the Commissioner of Education to approve or select and the State Board of Education to adopt formulas for school districts to use in measuring student learning growth. Requires school districts to administer assessments for each course offered in the district, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 2011 except as otherwise provided

Relating to John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program (Bileca – HB1329) John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program: Makes scholarships available to students with disabilities who have 504 accommodation plan issued under federal law; allows parent to request & receive scholarship for student to enroll in & attend private school if student has 504 accommodation plan; provides that students with certain temporary 504 accommodation plans are ineligible for scholarship; provides that parent may choose to enroll student in public school in adjacent district under certain conditions; provides for scholarship amounts. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

Relating to Retirement (Budget –SB2100) Retirement; Requires employee and employer contributions to the retirement system by a certain date. Amends provisions relating to the membership class of elected officers. Provides for a refund of contributions under certain circumstances for an officer who leaves office. Requires employee and employer contributions for members in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program after a certain date. Terminates participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program after a certain date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2011

JUNE 11-14 NATIONAL CAN TRAINING IN WASHINGTON D.C.

The summer always starts out with the annual CAN training for state CAN representatives in Washington D.C. This year, we will be meeting in their new CEC headquarter location on Crystal Drive in Arlington, Virginia. The training will include review of the proposed federal budget and CEC's recommended budget, a description and analysis of bills that effect students with disabilities and students with gifts and talents. In addition, there will sure to be a focus on the renewal of NCLB.

Another highlight of the upcoming CAN meeting will take place on Sunday, June 12th, when our own Donald DeVito, CEC Teacher of the Year, will be honored. I look forward to being there to support him and the amazing accomplishments he has made with his students.

Hopefully, we will see some student success stories in the publication prepared by national CEC of Florida students who benefited from IDEA funds. If you haven't done so this year, Florida members are urged to submit their success stories in the near future. We know that there are an abundance of great stories of what our educators and families are doing to help students with disabilities reach their potential.

Members are also encouraged to stay connected through the political updates that should be coming to you via email from your chapter/division CAN representative. This is another way for individual members to know what is going in at the national level and to easily contact your senators and house representative.

All the Best for a Great Summer...

Gayle Zavala – FCEC CAN Coordinator