

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children

75th Annual ICEC Fall Convention 2024 Celebrating Student Success Every Day! Thursday – Saturday, November 14-16, 2024

ICEC Fall Convention Features

Thursday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Legal Updates and Current Issues in Special Education: What You Need to Know Neal Takiff, Partner and Shermin Ali, Partner, Whitted Takiff LLC, Northbrook, IL

<u>Saturday, November 16, 8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</u>

Parent Panel: Let's Walk in the Shoes of Parents of Children with Special Needs

Would you like to know what it's like to be a parent of a child with special needs? You are invited to come and listen to our incredible parents and walk through their stories with them from birth, diagnoses, early intervention struggles, and the sleepless nights filled with worries and hopes for their children with disabilities. Parents will share what every educator needs to know.

Saturday, November 16, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ray Graham Award Luncheon

YES, I CAN! Awards

ICEC Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award

The most prestigious honor bestowed on an Illinois teacher of students with exceptional needs

ICEC Outstanding General Education Teacher of the Year
ICEC Meritorious Service Award
Dean S. Hage Student of the Year Award
ICEC Robert E. Abbott Outstanding Contributor
ICEC Legislator of the Year

Keynote Speakers

Friday, November 15 – 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Paige C. Pullen, Ph.D., University of Florida Keynote: Why Do We Teach This Way? Demystifying the Science of Reading

Paige Cullen Pullen, Ph.D. is the Chief Academic Officer at the Lastinger Center for Learning and a Research Professor at the University of Florida in the School of Special Education, School



Psychology, and Early Childhood Studies. With previous roles at the University of Virginia, Dr. Pullen earned her Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 2000, building on 12 years of K-12 teaching experience in both general and special education. Dr. Pullen is an internationally recognized accomplished author and researcher. She conducts research and professional development in Africa and the USA. Her excellence in education and mentorship has earned her prestigious awards.

Friday, November 15 - Luncheon, 12:15-1:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Chanita Jones, M.Ed., NBPTS Keynote: Ask Me Who I Teach?

Chanita Jones, M.Ed., is a National Board Certified Exceptional Needs Specialist. Earning degrees in special education from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and the University of



Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Chanita found her niche serving students across Illinois as a teacher, leader, and student programs sponsor. She is a passionate advocate and celebrated public speaker, advocating for selfaffirming, and inclusive education practices. She is the Director of Academic Support Services for Horizons for Youth in Chicago, where she designs, coordinates and facilitates academic interventions and disability awareness, advocacy and empowerment programs. Chanita is an active member of

CEC nationally and the current president of IDDEL.

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8:00-6:00 p.m. Registration Open

8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee and Rolls

8:00-6:00 p.m. Professional Development Sign-in/Sign-out

8:00-4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

The Chicago Marriott Naperville

Room reservations due Monday, October 28, 2024. Call the hotel 1-800-228-9290 or 1-630-505-4900. Request the ICEC Fall Convention rate \$132.00 Single and Double Rooms.

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Legal Updates and Current Issues in Special Education: What You Need to Know, Neal Takiff, Partner and Shermin Ali, Partner, Whitted Takiff LLC, Northbrook, IL.

11:00-12:00 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Diverse Learners, Diverse Approaches: Supporting Multilingual Students with Learning Disabilities Jess Rodriguez, M.Ed., Illinois SLD Support Project.

Supporting Educators and Families of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities Robin Thoma, Ph.D., Project Manager of the SLDSP, ISBE TA Project.

Developing Student-Run Businesses as a Stepping Stone to Employer-Paid Jobs Lindsay Zerull, Co-Founder & Content Director, NextUp Transition Curriculum.

Academics, Behavior, Inclusion, OH MY! Shelley Kenow, Special Education Teacher/CEO and Founder of Shelley Kenow IEP Consultant. Communication Through Collaboration: Creating Meaningful Partnerships within the Classroom Rachel Schless, Special Education Teacher, CCSD 21.

Celebrating Student Self-Advocacy Laura Hart, SPED Disability Rights Manager/Advocate, IL Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, Human Rights Authority.

"I don't need help. I can do it". Teaching Independence Adriana Schmidt, BCBA, Easterseals, Chicago.

Equipping Educators: Strategies for Inclusive & Equitable Literacy Success Kellyn Sirach, MS. Ed, CALT, Illinois SLD Support Project.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Boxed Lunch with Themed Conversation Tables

1:30-2:30 p.m. Choice of Seven Sessions

Why Can't They Get Their Act Together: 75 Tips for Working with Students with Executive Function Problems Bev Johns, Learning and Behavior Consultant, Retired Professional Fellow, MacMurray College.

Utilizing Heart Rate Monitors to Support Students with Emotional Regulation Jennifer Winefka, Special Education Coordinator, Hillcrest High School, Bremen High School District 228.

Beyond the Classroom: Empowering Professionals to Infuse Life Skills into Academic Curricula Colleen Kleinsmith, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois Chicago.

IEP Ease: Making Individual Education Plans a Breeze for Teachers! Christine Dodd, Special Education Teacher and Advocate.

What I Learned About Leadership From My Disabled Child: Two Administrators Share Their Stories Shawn Walsh, Ed.S., Lansing School District 158 and Concordia University.

Strategies for Job Development Melanie Phelan, Training Specialist, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Center for Transition and Work. AAC Myths Debunked! Mo Buti, Advocate/Special Education Administrator/Business Owner, AiepA: Advocate and Instructional Expert for People with Autism/All.

2:45-3:45 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Songs of Success: Music Therapy in Special Education Bryan Lindskog, MAIOP, MT-BC, Easterseals, Chicagoland and Greater Rockford.

#NOLIMITS - Understanding Behaviors to Maximize Potential Shelley Kenow, Special Education Teacher/Advocate/CEO and Founder of Shelly Kenow IEP Consultant. (Double Session - 2:45-5:00 p.m.).

Co-Teaching Approaches for Administrators: Empowering Educators to Create Inclusive Learning Environments Christie Johnson, MA, Illinois SLD Support Project. (Double Session - 2:45-5:00 p.m.).

Communication with Less Confrontation - Transition How You Listen Vincent Phipps, Ph.D., Special Education Teacher & Professor, Communication VIP Training and Coaching.

Culturally Responsive IEPs: How and Why Wendy Gonzales, Ph.D., Northeastern Illinois University.

Increasing Math Success Utilizing Retrieval Practices Within Your Classroom Janet Flesch, Regional Specialist, IL SLD Support Project.

Building Strong Learning Foundations: Component Skill Analyses for Strong Learner Repertoires Kelly Russell, BCBA, M.Ed., Elim.

Bridging Gaps: Fostering Connection Between College and Special Education Students Crystal Foles, Ed.D., Special Education Teacher, Professor, Greenville University.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Paraprofessional Evaluations: Review of CEC Paraeducator Core Competencies Karen Starr, Special Education Administrator, CCSD 59. #NOLIMITS - Understanding Behaviors to Maximize Potential Shelley Kenow, Special Education Teacher/Advocate/CEO and Founder of Shelly Kenow IEP Consultant. (Session continued).

Maximizing Community-Based Learning: Strategies for Targeting Academic and Functional Skills During CBI Colleen Kleinsmith, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois Chicago.

Unlocking Student Potential: Closing the Confidence Gap in the Classroom Sandy A. Lane, Consultant, Sandy A. Lane Consulting.

Nobody Would Bet on Me Chad Coe, Financial Advisor, Auctioneer, Speaker, Chad Coe Speaker - Coe Financial Group.

Personal Responsibility When Engaging with Your Diverse Workforce Nelva Lee, Ph.D., MiTio.

Empowering All: Becoming Trailblazers for Inclusion Brittany Holm, Special Education Teacher, M.S. Special Education & Early Childhood Education, Empower All Education, LLC.

Co-Teaching Approaches for Administrators: Empowering Educators to Create Inclusive Learning Environments Christie Johnson, MA, Illinois SLD Support Project. (Session continued).

5:00 p.m. Past President's Advisory Council **6:30 p.m.** ICEC Executive Board Meeting—Elected ICEC Board Members and Committee Chairs are expected to attend. **8:00 p.m.** President's Reception

ATTENTION: ALL STUDENT ICEC MEMBERS

Volunteer for three hours at the 2024 ICEC Fall Convention

and earn a free student registration (limited slots available)

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7:30-5:00 p.m. Registration Open

8:00-5:00 p.m. Professional Development Sign-in/Sign-out

8:00-4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

4:00-5:00 p.m. Poster Sessions and ICEC Delegate Assembly

Expand your knowledge and make meaningful connections by attending the poster-sessions – a valuable opportunity to explore diverse topics and engage with presenters

Friday, November 15, 2024, 9:00-10:30 a.m. ICEC Fall Convention Keynote Address Why Do We Teach This Way? Demystifying the Science of Reading Paige C. Pullen, Ph.D., University of Florida, Gainesville

10:45-11:45 a.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Addressing the Challenging Behaviors of Transition-Age Youth and Adults with Disabilities in Employment Settings: A Scoping Review Sangjee Ha, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Behavioral Mastery: Empowering Through Self-Awareness Zuica Donev, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Libertyville District 70.

Transforming Paraprofessionals: A Monthly Guide to Supporting Paraprofessionals Karen Starr, Special Education Coordinator, CCSD 59.

How NextUp Transition Curriculum Can Enhance Your District's Transition Program and Services Corey Fineran, Co-Founder & Content Director, NextUp Transition Curriculum.

Making Sure You're Ready for the Classroom: Licensure and ISBE Jennifer Buchter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Eastern Illinois University.

Explicit Instruction in Practice: A Demonstration of an Instructional Routine to Promote Vocabulary Development Tari Jansen, Regional Specialist, Illinois SLD Support Project.

Inspiring Historical Inquiry in All Students Kerry Garvey, Special Education Teacher, Pekin Community High School.

Culturally Inclusive and Responsive Family Engagement Practices for Early Career Professionals Adelicia Brienzo, Education Specialist, IRC.

12:00-1:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote Address: Ask Me Who I Teach Chanita Jones, M. Ed., Director of Academic Support Services for Horizons for Youth, Chicago

1:45-2:45 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Instruction of Phonology and Orthography for Students with Dyslexia Paige Pullen, Ph.D., University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. (Double Session 1:45-4:00 p.m.).

Using Improv to Improve Social Skills Kate Wiersema, Special Education Teacher, Cook County School District 130.

ICASE Showcase: Everything You Need to Know About Transitioning to Special Education Leadership Elizabeth deGruy, Executive Director of Educational Services, CCSD 59. (Double Session 1:45-4:00 p.m.).

Enhancing Student Outcomes Through Better Conversations Between Teachers and Paras Kary Zarate, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Sensory and Developmental Approach to Teaching Handwriting - A Practical and Powerful Approach Bridgette Nicholson, OT/AT Consultant/Certified Autism Spectrum Clinical Specialist, New Leader Academy - Therapeutic Day School. (Double Session 1:45-4:00 p.m.).

But They Talk at Home! Understanding Selective Mutism in Children Kathy Slattery, Project Director, STAR NET Region II (Double Session 1:45-4:00 p.m.).

Building Bridges: Collaborative Transition Planning in Special Education Marissa Trueblood-Seifert, M. ED, Special Education Administrator, Valley View School District 365U.

ITED Showcase: Opportunities and Challenges for Educator Prep Programs Gina Braun, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, ITED President (Double Session 1:45-4:00 p.m.).

3:00-4:00 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Instruction of Phonology and Orthography for Students with Dyslexia Paige Pullen, Ph.D., University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. (Session continued).

Building Careers: Student Roundtables Nahid Husain-Habib, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois Chicago.

ICASE Showcase: Everything You Need to Know About Transitioning to Special Education Leadership Elizabeth deGruy, Executive Director of Educational Services, CCSD 59. (*Session continued*).

Creating Individual Training Plans for School to Work Programs Melanie Phelan, Training Specialist, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign - IL Centers for Transition and Work.

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Collaboration with Immigrant Equilies. Teachers Programs and Experiences Morte Mohammed, Special Education Teachers Doctoral.

Collaboration with Immigrant Families – Teachers Perceptions and Experiences Marta Mohammad, Special Education Teacher, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois Chicago.

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Special Drawing for Great Prizes for Completed Evaluation Forms

8:30-9:30 a.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Parent Panel: Let's Walk in the Shoes of Parents of Children with Special Needs (Double Session 8:30-10:45 a.m.).

Positive Behavior: The Do's Not the Don'ts Sydney Lydon, BCBA, PremierCare.

IDLD Showcase: Learning Disability Research and Practice in Illinois: A Panel Presentation and Meeting of the Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities Kara Kennedy, Doctoral Student, Northern Illinois University and Panel Members. (Double Session 8:30-10:45 a.m.).

Educational Advocacy: Becoming a Partner and Proponent for your Child's Education Linda Bonner, Parent/Advocate, Author - Blessed with extraordinary: Support and resources for families of children with Down syndrome.

Innovative Strategies for Evaluating and Enhancing Writing Proficiency for All Students Bridgette Nicholson, OT/AT Consultant/Certified Autism Spectrum Clinical Specialist, New Leader Academy - Therapeutic Day School. (Double Session 8:30-10:45 a.m.).

Bridging Gaps: Fostering Connection Between College and Special Education Students Crystal Foles, Ed.D., Special Education Teacher, Professor, Director of Teacher Education, Greenville University.

Strengthening MTSS & Special Education Processes to Meet the Needs of Multilingual Learners Barbara Marler, Ed.D., Marier Consulting & Advisory LLC. (Double Session 8:30-10:45 a.m.).

IDADD Showcase: Supporting Success: Meeting the Needs of Students with Complex Behavior Needs in Illinois Louise M. Yoho, Ph.D., Southern Illinois University. (Double Session 8:30-10:45 a.m.).

9:45-10:45 a.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Parent Panel: Let's Walk in the Shoes of Parents of children with Special Needs (Session continued).

Special Education Two-Fold Study on Sensory Integration and Behaviors of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Cayetano Polancos, Special Education Teacher/Doctoral Student, Philippine Christian University/Peoria Public Schools District 150.

IDLD Showcase: Learning Disability Research and Practice in Illinois: A Panel Presentation and Meeting of the Illinois Division for Learning Disabilities Kara Kennedy, Doctoral Student, Northern Illinois University and Panel Members. (Session continued).

Creating Opportunities for Students to Shine Beyond School Walls: Harnessing the Power of Partnership Catrina Dorsey, Ph.D., Chicagoland Autism Connection, Board of Directors.

Innovative Strategies for Evaluating and Enhancing Writing Proficiency for All Students Bridgette Nicholson, OT/AT Consultant/Certified Autism Spectrum Clinical Specialist, New Leader Academy - Therapeutic Day School. (Session continued).

Working With and For Students: Supporting Our Kids in the Classroom Brianna Sutton, Special Education Teacher, Blackburn College.

National Advocacy for Federally Regulating Restraint and Seclusion in US Schools Sarah Ballard, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Illinois State

University, Jennifer Panganiban, Nichole Bielak, Doctoral Students, Illinois State University.

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Ray Graham Awards Luncheon Saturday, November 16, 11:00-12:30 p.m.

12:45-1:45 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Demystifying Success Colton Pettyjohn, Social Worker, Easterseals Academy, Machesney Park.

ILCCBD Showcase: You Can't Make Me - Positive Strategies for Reaching Students with Oppositional Defiant Disorder Bev Johns, Learning and Behavior Consultant, Retired Professional Fellow, MacMurray College. (Double Session 12:45-3:00 p.m.).

Purposefully Adding Physical Components to All Instruction Meg Carroll, Ed.D., Professor, Saint Xavier University.

How to Avoid Due Process Shelly Kenow, Special Education Teacher/Advocate/CEO and Founder of Shelly Kenow IEP Consultant. (Double Session 12:45-3:00 p.m.).

Powerful Dynamic Learning and Technology Integration for Academic Success Bridgette Nicholson, OT/AT Consultant/Certified Autism Spectrum Clinical Specialist, New Leader Academy - Therapeutic Day School. (*Double Session* 12:45-3:00 p.m.).

An Exploratory Survey of Out-of-School Time (OST) Program Providers on Inclusion Jessica Zanton, Ph.D., Eastern Illinois University.

Igniting Brilliance: Empowering Teachers for Classroom Triumph Candice Ruggiero, Speaker, Educator, Mentor, and Leader.

National Advocacy for Federally Regulating Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Jennifer Panganiban, Tonya Barra, Jennifer Barrientos, Doctoral Students, Illinois State University, and Sarah Ballard, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Illinois State University.

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ILCCBD Showcase: You Can't Make Me - Positive Strategies for Reaching Students with Oppositional Defiant Disorder Bev Johns, Learning and Behavior Consultant, Retired Professional Fellow, MacMurray College. (*Session continued*).

The Effect of Telehealth Delivered Fraction Intervention on Mathematics Word Problem-Solving Performance of English Learners with Mathematics Difficulties Qingli Lei, Ph.D., University of Illinois Chicago.

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Powerful Dynamic Learning and Technology Integration for Academic Success Bridgette Nicholson, OT/AT Consultant/Certified Autism Spectrum Clinical Specialist, New Leader Academy - Therapeutic Day School. (Session continued).

Building Bridges: Strengthening School Community Partnerships for Student Success Crissy Mombela, M.Ed., Partnership for Resilience.

From Scribbles to Success: Supporting Students with Dysgraphia Jill Rogers, Ed.S., Illinois Specific Learning Disability Support Project.

Early Childhood Educators Use of Culturally Relevant Social Stories Stephanie Fernandez, Special Education Teacher/Doctoral Student, University of Illinois Chicago.

ICEC FALL CONVENTION 2024 PREREGISTRATION FORM

Special Requests

Please list any accessibility,

interpreter, or food allergy needs you have so our

preparations may be adequate.

Registration Payment Procedures:

Early Bird: Registration online or mail must be received by September 27th, 2024 **Preregistration:** Registration on-line or by mail must be received by November 4th, 2024 **ON-SITE REGISTRATION:** We will accept credit card payment for using a PayPal card reader.

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Send a completed form per person with payment to the above address. Please do NOT staple check to form.

Note: We **DO NOT ACCEPT** Purchase Orders or FAX registrations.

REFUND POLICY: Written refund requests must be received on or before Friday, October 25, 2024 at the address listed above.

For specific questions use the Contact Us feature of the ICEC website: www.illinoiscec.net/contact-us/

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	() ISCEC Student Member Membership #
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THURSDAY (November 14th) REGISTRATION

THURSDAY Box Lunch ChoiceVegetarianNonvegetarian	Early Bird (ends Sept. 27)	Preregistration (ends Nov. 4)	On-Site Registration	Amount Paid
CEC Member	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$220.00	
CEC Nonmember	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$270.00	
Student Member/Retired	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Family/Friends	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Family/Friend: Session only (NO LUNCH)	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	

FRIDAY (November 15th) REGISTRATION

<u>FRIDAY</u> Lunch Choice Chicken Vegetarian	Early Bird	<u>Preregistration</u>	On-Site Registration	Amount Paid
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SATURDAY (November 16th) REGISTRATION

SATURDAY Ray Graham Luncheon Choice Chicken Vegetarian	Early Bird	<u>Preregistration</u>	On-Site Registration	Amount Paid
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Dates For Your Calendar

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Preregistration Deadline

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