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**Professional
Wellness**



April 13, 2010

**Augusta
Civic Center**

Professional Wellness



Outcomes for Professional Wellness

1. Participants will learn strategies for taking care of themselves as providers, teachers, and others who work in the helping professions.
2. Participants will have an opportunity to network with others who serve similar age populations.
3. Participants will learn strategies to look at their own strengths and keep resilient
4. Participants will look at ways they respond to stress in the work setting and develop alternative approaches.

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8:45-9:45 Marjorie Withers

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-12:00 Marjorie Withers

12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:45-2:15 Networking

Nancy Drake- Lori Joy-

Marjorie Withers

Wrap up with Marjorie...

2:15-2:30 Closing and Evaluations

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255-3625 at least 4 weeks in advance.

*Down east Communities of Practice
Planning Committee*

Save this Date

April 28, 2009

Hutchinson Center, Belfast

8:30-2:30 (Registration at 8)

Working with Children with
Challenging Behaviors

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Free Workshop Lunch Included

Contact Hours Available

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Network-Mid Maine and Downeast,
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DOE Student Assistance Team Unit,
Community Caring Collaborative,
DHHS Children's Behavioral Health
Services, Keeping Maine's Children
Connected and More.**

**With Funding Support From Maine
Department of Education SAT**

Free Conference

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Free
Conference

University of
Maine
Hutchinson
Center
Belfast

April 28, 2009

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

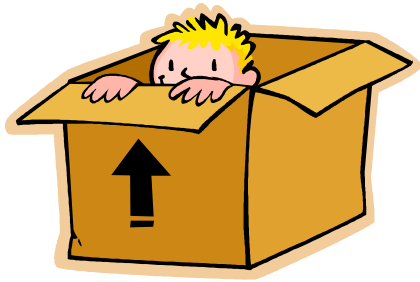
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Thinking Outside the Box: Working with Children with Challenging Behaviors.

Many of our students have challenging behaviors. Statistics tell us that more and more children come to school with issues that complicate learning. This conference will help teachers, school staff, parents and other providers think outside the box in dealing with these challenges. It will center on designing skill based interventions and working towards strengths while helping children and families invest in the process of creating individualized plans to meet the needs of children.

Agenda

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
 - 8:30-8:45 Opening Remarks-
Janice LaChance Maine Parent Federation Director
 - 8:45-9:45 Marjorie Withers
 - 9:45-10:00 Break
 - 10:00-11:30 Marjorie Withers
 - 11:30-12:30 Lunch
 - 12:30-1:45 Marjorie Withers
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 - 2:00-2:45 Marjorie Withers
 - 2:45-3:00 Closing and Evaluations
- Please complete evaluation.**

Participants will be able to: Network with others to share strategies and strengths-based approaches to working with challenging behaviors in the classroom in addition to the following outcomes:

Articulate and recognize strengths in youth and families

Encourage and support natural support systems

Understand the implications of family driven services

Create positive working relationships that support change

Find new solutions to behaviors and situations by using strengths

Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided at no cost.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list will be available. If you register and are unable to attend, please call so that we may fill your spot with someone on the waiting list.

Contact Hour Certificates will be available. CEU's are available for a \$5.00 fee made out to UMM. Money needs to be paid prior to or the day of the conference. Check or cash. Billing not allowed.

Registration Form

Sign up for:

- Thinking Outside the Box: Working with Children with Challenging Behaviors.

Name

Address

Phone

Email: _____

Special accommodation needs

Signature

Free Conference

Phone: 207-963-5973
Email: Ljoy@mainetransition.org or
Nancy.Drake@maine.gov
If you need special accommodations, please contact Nancy
207-255-3625.

Partners in Legal Issues in Education

May 5, 2010

8:00 am-2:30pm

University of Maine Belfast-Hutchinson Center

Speaker: Eric R. Herlan, Esq.

This free workshop will include:

Secondary Transition, Pre-referral, Response to Intervention (RTI)
Identification and Eligibility and other issues related to Special Education and Regular
Education.

Target Audience: Parents, Guardians, Educators, Service Providers, Administrators and
Interested Community Members

Goal for the Day: Promoting a common understanding of special education laws and regulations
and improving collaboration among stakeholders.

Eric R. Herlan, Esq., Eric has been representing school districts for many years, with a focus on both special education and general school law issues. Eric also practiced in both federal and state courts, primarily in the area of special education and disability rights. He has appeared before the First Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for Maine and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. In addition to his legal practice, Eric has also lectured throughout New England and nationally on issues involving disability rights and school law. He is the editor of the Special Education Quarterly, is the contributing author to Maine School Law, Third Edition (2006) and authored Commentaries on Maine State Special Education Regulations (1993).

Eric graduated from Sumner High School in 1976 and from the University of Maine at Orono in 1980. He received his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Columbia University, and his law degree from the University Of Maine School Of Law in 1987. Eric is licensed to practice law in Maine and New Hampshire.

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DHHS Children's Behavioral Health



In collaboration with Maine Transition Network, Maine Parent Federation, DOE Student Assistance Team Unit, Community Caring Collaborative, DHHS Children's Behavioral Health Services, Keeping Maine Children Connected., Down east Communities of Practice Planning Committee.

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Three Registration Choices:

Mail registration form to:

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Working with Children Impacted by Trauma

Free Conference

Bangor Spectacular Events Center

May 12, 2010

8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Registration
8:00-8:30am

**Presenter:
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Other Presenters:

**Bobbi Johnson
DHHS**

Outcomes for the day;

Articulate and recognize strengths in youth and families

Encourage and support natural support systems

Participants will understand the key findings from Adverse Childhood Effects Research.

Participants will gain insight in working with Children impacted by trauma (including Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse).

Participants will have an opportunity to network with other professionals who work with similar populations.

Participants will learn strategies for taking care of themselves (professional wellness).

Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided at no cost.

Agenda

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8:30-8:45 Opening Remarks-
Bobbi Johnson

8:45-9:45 Marjorie Withers

9:45-10:00 Break

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11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:30 Marjorie Withers

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2:15-2:30 Closing and Evaluations

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Registration Form

Sign up for:

Working with Children Impacted by Trauma.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Special accommodation needs _____

Signature _____

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Save the Date

Bullying: Myths and Facts



Presented by Marjorie Withers

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

**Nadeau Hall Conference Room
University of Maine at Fort Kent**

9:00am to 3:30pm

This workshop is designed to address the Myths & Facts about bullying and provide strategies for your classroom, home and playground.

This workshop is being offered free of charge and includes a light lunch. Seating is limited, so registration is a must.

FMI contact:

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Save this Date

May 26, 2010

***University of Maine Belfast-
Hutchinson Center***

8:00 am - 2:30 pm
(Registration 8 - 8:30 am)

***Student Assistance Team Training
And
Response to Intervention***

Presenters:

Nancy Drake - Maine Department of Education,
Student Assistance Team

Jim Roberts - DEEP, Inc.

Free Workshop / Lunch Included

Contact Hours Available

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Washington County Children's Program

TO: Student Assistance Teams and Area Schools
FROM: Nancy Drake, Student Assistance and Community of Practice
SUBJECT: SAT/RTI Team Training/Team Renewal: A Working Model
May 26th, Hutchinson Center - Belfast

The Maine Department of Education, in collaboration with the Committee on Transition, is offering a one-day workshop

A Student Assistance Team Training/Renewal – “Response to Intervention (RTI) Team Workshop: A Working Model
May 26th, at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast.

This will be a pilot training for sites who wish to train a team in a one-day setting. Previously trained teams that need retraining/renewal, because of changes in membership, can also benefit from this training. This is an opportunity for teams who wish to begin doing RTI to incorporate that function into their student assistance program.

Space is limited to 75 participants. Teams will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. This workshop is a collaborative effort of the Maine Department of Education, Student Assistance Team Unit, and Maine Transition Network, in collaboration with MSB, Down East Development Services and Maine Support Network.

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will:

- Establish and maintain effective student assistance teams in their schools,
- Demonstrate the interactive meeting process utilized in the SAT process,
- Describe good practice in setting up SAT files and record maintenance,
- Develop a short- and long-term plan for implementing student assistance at the building level.

Response to Intervention Outcomes: Participants will begin to gain a more in-depth understanding of RTI, comprehending the scope and sequence of the parameters necessary to initiate RTI planning in their school system. These include:

- High quality classroom instruction,
- Research –based instruction,
- Assessment of classroom performance,
- Universal screening using a three-tier model to assess academic, behavioral/social and transition outcomes,
- Continuous progress monitoring,
- Research-based interventions,
- Progress monitoring during the interventions, and
- Fidelity measures.

Participants will be part of a facilitated discussion that seeks to identify and consider the necessary components to transition RTI teams with SAT teams including:

- Core membership,
- Protected time to work as a team,
- How to build school, community, and parental awareness and understanding of RTI,
- The importance of assessing tier-one curricula and instruction (inventory),
- Identified interventions.

Contact hours will be provided. There is no fee for this training. Lunch will be provided. Participants will receive an updated training manual.

For further information and registration, contact Nancy Drake at nancy.drake@maine.gov. (207-255-3625) Registrations are taken on a first-come basis. The deadline for registration is March 15th.

Below is a draft agenda. A complete and more detailed agenda will be sent out as a part of the confirmation information approximately two weeks before the event.

DRAFT AGENDA

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| 8:00-8:30 | Registration |
| 8:30-9:30 | Welcome/ Introductions
Nancy Drake
Ground Rules
Questions my Team Needs Answered |
| 9:30-10:30 | RTI – Requirements Jim Roberts |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-11:15 | Progress Monitoring- Data Collection with Catherine Wood of MSB
and Record Keeping for SAT |
| 11:15-11:45 | An Overview of the Behavior Component - Debbie Gilmer-MSN |
| 11:45-12:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30-2:45 | SAT-The Basics; Video, Case Study and short term planning in teams - Nancy
(Staff to assist during planning.. Lori Joy, Michael Ashmore, Catherine Wood,
Jim Roberts, and Debbie Gilmer and Nancy) |
| 2:45-3:00 | Q and A |
| 3:00-3:15 | Evaluation and Closure |