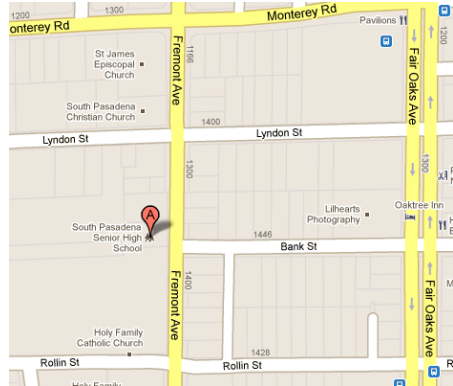




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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND PRESENTATIONS

Registration/Coffee			7:30 - 8:00 am
<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction: Joel Shapiro (Superintendent, SPUUSD) and Diane Lasell (Conference Co-Chair) KEYNOTE ADDRESS by JOEY TRAVOLTA, Inclusion Films</p> <p>As the Founder and CEO of Inclusion Films, Joey Travolta will describe how Inclusion Films trains persons with special needs in the nuts and bolts of film making with the goal of finding them jobs. Mr. Travolta's passions as a special education teacher, show business producer and performer contributed to his conceiving the idea of Inclusion Films. He has cultivated Inclusion Films into a growing network of programs supporting individuals with special needs in the Burbank, Bakersfield, and San Francisco areas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing: Lourdes Nonato (Conference Co-Chair)</p>			8:00 - 8:45 am
BREAK			8:45 - 9:00 am
TRACK 1 - THERAPY	TRACK 2 - EDUCATION	TRACK 3 - PARENTING	
Session 1a	Session 1b	Session 1c	
<p>Practical Social Skills Solutions Peter Gero, Ph.D., MFT (Founder and Director of BLAST)</p> <p>Social skills are the foundation of getting along with others. A lack of social skills can lead to behavioral difficulties in school, bullying, difficulty in making friends, aggressiveness, etc. Children with disabilities often need additional training in social skills. They will likely benefit from direct instruction in social skills groups led by trained professionals and the availability of a safe environment in which to practice newly learned skills.</p> <p>Dr. Gero will offer teachers and parents practical solutions when dealing with behaviors at home and in the classroom.</p>	<p>Road to Success for Students Growing up with Learning Disabilities Roberta J. Goldberg, Ph.D. & Andrea Lombardi, B.A. (The Frostig Center, Pasadena, CA)</p> <p>The Frostig Center 20 Year Longitudinal Study found 6 Success Attributes that determined life success among adults growing up with learning disabilities. The Frostig School and many other schools locally and around the nation have been teaching these 6 attributes for many years. Attend this presentation to learn about the Success Attributes and how to foster their development to prepare your child for success!</p>	<p>Behavior and the Brain Leonard "Skip" Baker, M.D. (Descanso Medical Center for Development and Learning)</p> <p>Neuroscience research has revolutionized our understanding of the association of how the brain is built and how behavior occurs. Because of this understanding, we are able to impact children and their behaviors and educational experience in ways never truly understood before.</p>	9:00 - 10:30 am
BREAK - (PLEASE VISIT OUR VENDOR TABLES)			10:30-10:45 am
Session 2a	Session 2b	Session 2c	
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BROWN BAG LUNCH - SPECIAL NEEDS Q & A PANEL Moderator: <i>Marlene Osman</i> Panel: Dani Bowman, Angeliq Burzynski, Daniel Enright, Quinn Kieffer-Wright, Tamara Mark, Kendra Rose, Emily Williams			12:15 - 1:15 pm
Session 3a	Session 3b	Session 3c	
<p>Assessment and Educational Therapy: Turning Lives Around Barbara Hoskins, Ph.D.</p> <p>In this workshop, Dr. Hoskins will share key frameworks that she uses to support students with special needs in experiencing success. These frameworks can help parents better understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happens when motivation shuts down • What allows students to engage in the learning process • What to consider in planning for students with special needs • How assessment can be a therapeutic process • What makes educational therapy effective • How parents can best support students with special needs 	<p>How to Teach Life Skills to Kids with Autism or Asperger's Jennifer McIlwee Myers</p> <p>The life skills that are so vital to adult functioning can be taught to children from an "autism point of view." Yes, it can be done! This talk provides practical examples and tips for teaching real skills to real people with ASDs, from crossing the street to ordering in a restaurant. Hints on using the strengths of people on the autism spectrum will be included.</p>	<p>"They Said, We Said!" Cassie Zupke (Open Doors Now)</p> <p>Parents and educators want the same thing for our kids - for them to be happy, healthy, and successful. So why all the battles? Ms. Zupke will discuss some of the most common battlefields between parents and educators: how fears, misconceptions, lack of information, and miscommunications set the stage for frustration and lawsuits, and how we can stop the battles before they start.</p>	1:30 - 3:00 pm
SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING Moderators: <i>Kim and John Lesak</i> Founders and Co-Chairs, South Pasadena Special Needs Support Group			3 pm - 4 pm

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