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Diane Lasell and Lourdes Nonato

The South Pasadena Council PTA Special Needs Committee works to provide information and support to parents of children with special needs, so they can help their children maximize their potential. We also collaborate with the school district to assist staff to most effectively help children. We work to provide information to all parents and community members about children with special needs, so that they may understand and support all children and work for adequate legislation and funding for children with special needs. We will also work to help all children understand and appreciate challenges faced by children with special needs.

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REACHING ALL STUDENTS



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 2, 2013

do you believe in me?

An educational conference presented by the South Pasadena PTA Council Special Needs Committee and the South Pasadena Unified School District

For more information, please visit the South Pasadena Parents for Special Needs Children Website: www.spp4snc.com

Keynote Speaker: JOEY TRAVOLTA, Inclusion Films

Brown Bag Lunch & Panel Discussion @ 12:15 PM

date	time	location	
SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2013	8 AM - 3:30 PM	SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL	1401 Fremont Ave. South Pasadena 91030

This conference is provided for the community at no charge.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Why Should I Attend?

Teachers, Administrators, Educators

- Network with other professionals from local school districts
- Increase collaboration in your community
- Learn about recent treatments, observations, and research
- Learn best practices for dealing with disruptive behavior in the classroom, including behavior of special needs students
- Learn how to better communicate with both students and parents
- Hear about what parents expect of teachers of special needs students

Parents and Family Members

- Connect with other parents and family members of special needs students in the community
- Have an opportunity to meet with and ask questions of top professionals in the field
- Gather information on early intervention and treatment options, adolescent issues, medication questions, adult issues and more
- Hear what teachers expect from parents of special needs children

Topics and Themes

- Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, and other
- Behavior
- Communication
- Inclusion
- Life Skills
- Medication
- Social Skills

SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS

Leonard “Skip” Baker, M.D., is a board-certified pediatrician specializing in children and young adults who have developmental issues in educational and behavioral areas. Dr. Baker has worked with children and adults with attention issues and other neurobiological difficulties for over 30 years and brings a wealth of experience regarding differences in learning and the various strategies people have developed to manage these differences.

Easter Seals provides services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities.

Peter Gero, Ph.D., MFT., has a wealth of experience in working with children. He is a retired elementary and middle school teacher, the former director of Tom Sawyer Camps; a trainer and consultant with many schools and summer camps in the southern California area; the founder and director of BLAST, a unique, experiential social skills program; and a family therapist in private practice in La Canada.

Barbara Hoskins, Ph.D., is a Professional Educational Consultant and a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. She has a center in Pasadena, where she and her associates do evaluations, consultations,

and educational therapy for children and adults who are having difficulties with learning, attention, and executive functioning.

The Frostig Center has served children with learning disabilities for 60 years. The Center is dedicated to helping children reach their full potential through an integrated approach of primary research, community outreach programs, and the Frostig School.

Joey Travolta is a writer, actor, director, and producer. Before his acting career, Mr. Travolta worked as a special education teacher in New Jersey. Today, he merges his passion for working with individuals with special needs with film by creating workshops and camps that educate students about film making. Mr. Travolta's unique teaching style and expertise enables those with special needs alongside their typically developing peers to learn about production and their own creativity. He has cultivated Inclusion Films into a growing network of programs supporting individuals with special needs.

Cassie Zupke is the founder and director of Open Doors Now, a non-profit education and support group for students with Asperger's/high-functioning autism, their parents, and educators. Cassie is also the mother of three teenagers, one of whom is on the autism spectrum.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & PANEL DISCUSSION 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM
PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH AND JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION
WITH STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND EDUCATORS