

Changing the Way We Do Business in the Village

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome
08:40 – 09:30	Keynote Presentation
09:30 – 09:45	Break/Passing
09:45 – 11:45	Session I
11:45 – 01:00	Lunch (Provided)
01:00 – 01:50	Plenary Session
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02:00 – 04:00	Session II

Keynote Presentation

“There is Life After Tests...And Before”

**Patrick Cooper, Ed.D., CEO,
Early Childhood and Learning Foundation,
New Orleans, LA**

Dr. Cooper is currently the CEO of the Early Childhood and Learning Foundation in New Orleans, LA. He has been a classroom teacher for students with Emotional Disturbance, principal, university faculty member, and Assistant State Superintendent in Louisiana and the Executive Director for NaSHEC as well as a national expert consultant in the areas of early childhood education and coordinated school health.

The keynote presentation will focus on ideas for improving American society by implementing effective educational reform. Dr. Cooper will address the absolute necessity of utilizing comprehensive school health strategies to begin rebuilding our public schools.

Plenary Session

A panel of parents will share their “journeys” in parenting a child with emotional/behavioral needs.

Cleo Anderson – “My journey with a son diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia has taken me from feelings of despair, desperation and dismay to knowing that there is hope, help and healing for me and for my son.

Cheryl Stelling – Former Pediatrics Nurse, mother of 3 adopted siblings with diagnoses of ADD/ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, Cluster “B” Personality traits and Learning Disabilities. Currently writing a book about the challenges of raising children with Bipolar Disorder.

Ana Bertha Zavala – Will share a story of the importance of giving undivided attention to all members of the family and not just focusing on the child with a mental illness.

Session I (9:45 am – 11:45 am)

A The Whole Child and Coordinated School Health...The Expansion Model in New Orleans!
The audience will learn about the Whole Child model; how it works, why it is important, how to obtain community buy-in and how to fund it.
Presented by: Patrick Cooper, Ed. D., CEO, Early Childhood and Learning Foundation, New Orleans, LA.

B Asperger’s Disorder – A New Treatment Paradigm
Genetic, neurological and environmental factors contributing to the disorder will be presented from a developmental perspective, highlighting the importance of attachment. The use of peer groups and parallel parenting groups, as a “best practices” strategy will also be discussed.
Presented by: Jeffrey Titcher, Psy.D., Senior Psychologist, Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH); Sonia Escamilla, LCSW, VCBH; Colin Zimbleman, Psychology Intern, VCBH & Roya Mardi, Parent.

C Taking Them On the Road-Practical and Creative Home Based Interventions for Parents of Children and Teens
The panel will share specific strategies and tips for designing creative, culturally competent interventions to address common behavioral difficulties in children and teens..
Panel Presentation Facilitated by: Jody Kussin, Ph.D., Director, Casa Pacifica and Parent Presenter to be announced

D OCD-What It Is, What It Isn’t and What Do You Do About It?
An overview of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, covering etiology, characteristics, differential diagnosis, familial and educational implications and treatment.
Presented by: Ophra Ashur, MSW, LCSW, VCBH and Laura Wildermuth, Parent

E Treatment of Psychiatric Illness in Children/Adolescents/Adults: The Art & Science of Medication.
This presentation will cover how medications affect the body and brain and the use of medication to treat cognition, emotion, and behavior.
Presentation by: Bernard Hudson, M.D., VCBH and Mary Ellen Collins, Executive Director, United Parents

Session II (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

F The Whole Child and Coordinated School Health...The Expansion Model in New Orleans! (A repeat of Session A) The audience will learn about the Whole Child model; how it works, why it is important, how to obtain community buy-in and how to fund it.
Presented by: Patrick Cooper, Ed. D., CEO Early Childhood and Learning Foundation, New Orleans, LA

G Social Skills Solutions
Tips and suggestions for addressing social skills needs for children and teens.
Presented by: David Morrison, Psy.D., Private Practice and Barbara Mark, Parent

H Mood Disorders and Children
Gain insights into the diagnosis and treatment of mood disorders, including psychopharmacology.
Presented by: Douglas Sears, M.D., Staff Physician, Cedars Sinai Medical Center and Parent Presenter to be announced

I Supporting Reading Development in Students with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges
This workshop will provide an understanding of how reading instruction can be structured to meet the needs of students who are struggling readers with emotional and behavioral challenges.
Presented by: Jill Leafstedt, Ph.D., California State University, Channel Islands and Pegi Stenberg, Parent

J Beyond Race, Ethnicity and Religion – Respecting the Culture of FAMILY!
This workshop will help participants develop skills for embracing youth and families for “who they are” and “where they are at.” Parent presenters will give real life examples of how this approach was helpful in effecting change in their lives.
Presented by: Davitt Conley, M.S. Counseling Psychology, Program Manager, AspiraNet CMFRT Program and Parent Presenters to be announced

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Wednesday, March 10, 2010
 Ventura County Office of Education Conference Center
 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

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You'll receive a written confirmation if we receive your registration by February 22, 2010 and your address or email is complete.

You are responsible for assuring that payment is received at the SELPA office prior to the event or you will be responsible for making the payment at the door.

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