

Save the Date!

Expanding Horizons

The 10th Annual Conference on
Educating Students with Disabilities
in General Education Classrooms

Thursday, December 6, 2007
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Opening Ceremony:
Reflecting on the Past – Envisioning the Future

Featuring:
George Coleman, Deputy Commissioner, CSDE
"Connecticut's Vision"

David Riley, Ph.D., Executive Director
Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative
"A National Perspective"

Dr. Rob Franke, Senior Consultant
University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht, The Netherlands
"Inclusive Schooling Around the World"

In support of the 7th Annual Inclusive Schools Week, December 3-7, 2007, this conference will feature a strand focusing on inclusive schooling around the globe. This year's *Inclusive Schools Week* theme is "Lessons from the World: Including All Children." Watch the SERC website for additional activities and information regarding *Inclusive Schools Week* and the *Expanding Horizons* conference.



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Come Hear About Inclusive Practice Across Connecticut!

Once again, over thirty concurrent sessions led by teachers, parents, and students of all grade levels from schools throughout Connecticut will showcase stories of success, share ideas, and provide opportunities to learn from colleagues. A flexible schedule will allow participants to plan their day according to their needs and interests.

Session Topics Include:

International Presentations
Peer Relationships/ Extracurricular Activities
Co-Teaching
Integrating Student Support Services in the Classroom
Sessions for Parents
Implementing the ID Guidelines: Q & A
Planning Effective Transitions
Comprehensive Positive Behavioral and Mental Health Supports

Overview of the Day

8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee
Exhibit Hall & Networking
8:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 a.m. **Keynote Presentation**
10:30 a.m. **Beginning of Morning Concurrent Sessions**
(self-select sessions & time)
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Marketplace Café & Poster Sessions Open
12:10 p.m. **Beginning of Afternoon Concurrent Sessions**
(self-select sessions & time)
3:50 p.m. Wrap-up

To Help You Plan

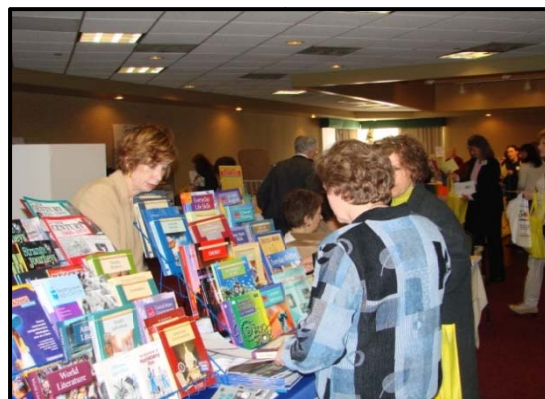
Self-Selected Sessions * Flexible Hours * Networking Opportunities

The topics listed above are only a sample of the many sessions to be offered. Additional sessions are being developed. An advance program with a description of each concurrent session, its time, presenters, and a guide to planning your day will be provided along with the registration confirmation from SERC.

Conference sessions of 40 or 80 minutes are offered at different times throughout the day. The flexible hours provide opportunities to network with colleagues, visit the exhibit hall, and lunch at your discretion.

Remember to Visit the Exhibit Hall

Plan time to visit the vendors at the exhibit hall, which will be open with a coffee station at 8:00 a.m. and available to browse throughout the day. Displays will include curricular resources, software, assistive technology devices, videos, and professional development books and resources. Posters highlighting inclusive practices, activities, events, and lessons submitted by schools throughout Connecticut will also be available for viewing.



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CEU Information



Conference participants will be eligible for .7 CEUs.

To be eligible for CEUs, participants must be preregistered, receive written confirmation from SERC, attend the full conference, complete a participant evaluation form, and provide evidence of post-conference application/reflection. Evaluation forms and information about the post-conference application/reflection responsibility will be available at the conference.

Registration Information

This conference can accommodate four hundred (400) preschool to grade 12 general and special education teachers, paraprofessionals, student support services personnel, administrators, and families. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis, with consideration to regional distribution.

There is a registration fee of **\$50.00** per person for the conference. Lunch will be provided. Purchase orders will be accepted but payment **MUST** be received prior to December 1. The closing date for registration is **November 16, 2007**. Applications received after November 16th will be accepted as space permits. Check or purchase order should be made payable to **Rensselaer at Hartford**.

Registration fee waivers are available, if needed, for parents and other family members for the conference. A limited number of stipends are also available to help defray the cost of childcare and transportation. Please indicate need through the boxes provided on the application form.

Please complete the application fully. As applicable, classroom release time approval is required.

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APPLICATION FORM: 10th Expanding Horizons Conference (08-09-005) FN/LRE/cs (Please Print Clearly.)

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Home Address _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address (Please Print Clearly.) _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

School/Agency _____ District _____

Position/Role _____ Grade Level/Age Range _____

In which region are services provided?

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Classroom release time is approved: Administrator's Signature _____

Please check if needed: Vegetarian Lunch Interpreter (Please specify.) _____

Parents/Family Members: I request: a parent fee waiver a parent stipend form student fee waiver

Please note any other needs. _____

