



Family & Professional Learning Center
at Northshore Education Consortium

Behavioral Health Conference

AGENDA

8:00-8:30 Registration and Breakfast

8:30-10:30 **Supporting Transgender Youth**
 Presented by Cory Mashburn, M.Ed.

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 **Social Skills Challenges for Students with High Functioning ASD**
 Presented by David Gotthelf, Ph.D.

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 **Animal Assistance in the Classroom**
 Courtney Breen, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist and Founder of Seacoast Labradors

3:00 Evaluations and Certificates



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Presenters

Cory Mashburn, M.Ed.,- Supporting Transgender Youth

This workshop is designed to provide a basic understanding and increase awareness of issues faced by transgender students. Participants will have a greater understanding of the terminology associated with gender identity and why it is important in providing a safe and supportive school environment for these students whose rights are protected under the law.

David Gotthelf, Ph.D. -Social Skills Challenges for Students with High Functioning ASD

Students identified with High Functioning ASD, otherwise known as Asperger's Syndrome, present behaviors that require more subtle and relationship oriented interventions compared to an ABA approach. This presentation reviews some of the challenges inherent in this diagnostic profile, including addressing the question as to if and when interventions are necessary. This presentation will review the social skills challenges that students encounter, with specifics addressing the needs of young students vs. adolescents.

Courtney Breen, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist -Animal Assistance in the Classroom

Learn how animals provide support to affected individuals in a school environment. Learn about the different roles that assistance animals can offer and how those can best be integrated into a school environment. In this presentation we will review the research on this topic and will discuss concerns and issues with animals in the classroom, as well as how these can be resolved. We will highlight the ways in which dogs have provided support for students affected by trauma and anxiety.