



Family & Professional Learning Center
at Northshore Education Consortium

Northshore Education Consortium Conference

A professional development day for all NEC staff

March 09, 2018

8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

LOCATION

Northshore Academy Upper, 126 Sohier Road, Beverly, MA 01915

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30-9:45 **KEYNOTE: Dr. Gayl Crump-Swaby: Culturally Competent Family Engagement**

Gayl is a social worker, wife, and mother of two. After growing up in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, she moved to Alabama to complete her undergraduate degree (BSW), obtained her master's (MSW) from Boston University, focusing on working with multicultural populations and holds a doctorate in child and youth studies, from Nova Southeastern University. When not consulting families and couples at her private practice in Dorchester and presenting at workshops, Gayl is an assistant professor and Program Director for the Masters of Mental Health Counseling program at Springfield College's School of Professional and Continuing studies, Boston Campus. She recently traveled to Swaziland where she provided 2 weeks series of training to the Ministry of Education focusing on "Serving Children with Special Needs".

This keynote will address how discrimination affects parent-teacher communication and how implicit bias can get in the way of family engagement. The definition of implicit bias and culturally responsive will be defined. The benefits of being culturally responsive and how does one practice and become culturally sensitive, including strategies for interrupting implicit bias and becoming culturally responsive will be addressed. Discussion on practical ways to conduct culturally responsive conversations that elicit educational beliefs and ways to incorporate these beliefs into increasing family engagement including ways of knowing if you are culturally responsive will be discussed.

10:00-12:00 **Breakout Sessions** (Choose 1 of these 6 Sessions. If you don't register, your first choice may fill up and not be available)

12:00-1:00 **LUNCH - Time to network with your colleagues & return evaluations**

1:00-3:00 **School Specific PLC Work Groups** (arranged by your program director)

Breakout Sessions

Choose 1 of these 6 Sessions.

- 1. Karen Waddill, Cotting Consulting: A Whole Team Approach to Supporting AAC**
(Most appropriate for KOG staff).
- 2. Ilse Willems: CVI: Accommodations and Assessing** (Most appropriate for KOG staff)
- 3. Kristan Rodriguez, Ph.D. : Introduction to Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** (Most appropriate for those who teach academic curriculum with modifications and accommodations)
- 4. Camila Barrera, Middlesex Partnerships for Youth: Navigating the Cyber World**
(Appropriate for All)
- 5. Sheila Guiney: Parent Perspective Panel** (Appropriate for All Staff)
- 6. Paula Conrad, M.Ed. Music, Movement, and Art: A Creative Experience at the Express Yourself Studio** (Off site. Limited to 20 participants. Appropriate for All but Preference will be given to those who did not have the opportunity to participate last year)

Impact on Trauma and Learning (26 already enrolled/will meet in Peabody.
Participants don't need to register)

1. Karen Waddill, Cotting Consulting: A Whole Team Approach to Supporting AAC (Most appropriate for KOG staff).

Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) can be invaluable in allowing students with communication impairments to express themselves and access their curriculum. However, providing the appropriate communication tool alone is insufficient. Research has linked the skill of communication partners with the success of students in developing their communication tool use and overall communication development. In this session, participants will learn and practice concrete strategies for increasing student's use of AAC tools during academic, leisure and functional tasks.

Karen is a practicing speech-language pathologist and assistive technology professional. In her current role as Director of Cotting Consulting, she oversees and provides assistive technology services to public and private K-12 schools. Karen is a frequent speaker at school professional development trainings and conferences. As an Adjunct Faculty member at Fitchburg State University, she teaches graduate courses in Augmentative Communication and Assistive Technology.

2. Ilse Willems: CVI: Accommodations and Assessing (Most appropriate for KOG staff)

This workshop will focus on how to determine appropriate CVI Accommodations for students based on their score on the CVI Range. I will go through each Phase and provide concrete examples for classroom accommodations. I will also focus on how to determine the level of complexity in the environment and in classroom tasks, and how to decrease the complexity for students with CVI.

Ilse Willems has Bachelors in Child Development from Holy Cross. She has a Masters in Severe Special Education and a concentration in Deafblind Studies from Boston College. Since 2010 Ilse has worked at Perkins School for the Blind and is currently a Deafblind Itinerant Teacher in the Community Programs. Passionate about Cortical Vision Impairment, she became a CVI Mentor for the Community Programs this school year.

3. Kristan Rodriguez, Ph.D. : Introduction to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) (Most appropriate for those who teach academic curriculum with modifications and accommodations)

Educators aspire to build great systems in a landscape of barriers. Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is an evidenced based model that addresses those barriers and provides options for effective and inclusive education. Participants will receive an introduction to Universal Design for Learning through exploration, application and discussion.

Presenter: Kristan Rodriguez, Ph.D. is an experienced college course developer, professor, practitioner, and coauthor of the best-selling book Universally Designed Leadership: Applying UDL to Systems and Schools. She is the project manager for the new statewide Tier I Inclusive Practice Academy and her work is highlighted in DESE's Foundations for Inclusive Practice administrator course. Dr. Rodriguez has been an educational consultant for the past 15 years and is currently the Director of Professional Learning and Grants at CREST Collaborative.

4. Camila Barrera, Middlesex Partnerships for Youth: Navigating the Cyber World (Appropriate for All)

This workshop reviews the challenges and dangerous situations that may arise through use of the Internet, social media, and smart phones. It is important for parents and staff to be aware of the popular apps, social media sites and programs used by youth online. This workshop explains the issues and possible consequences from cyber bullying, sexting and revealing identifying information to strangers.

5. Sheila Guiney: Parent Perspective Panel (Appropriate for All Staff)

Hear directly from a group of current and former NEC parents about their experiences raising children with special needs and the specific ways in which educators have made the biggest impact on their children and families.

6. Paula Conrad, M.Ed. Music, Movement, and Art: A Creative Experience at the Express Yourself Studio
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Get on the NEC bus and travel to the Express Yourself Studio in the Cummings Center, spend 90 minutes immersed in exploring the arts! Explore success orientated music, movement and art experiences that you can bring back to your classrooms. With effortless process, participants will access, ignite, and share our strengths and resources in a non-threatening environment.

7. Trauma Certificate (already 26 enrolled/ will meet in Peabody for the class. Participants don't need to register)

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REGISTRATION

WAYS TO REGISTER

- Click on the link in your NEC Conference email
- From the NEC Website: [Professional page](#) – NEC March PD 2018 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Complete the form and return to Kathy Mahoney in the Business Office or by interoffice mail

Name _____ Program _____

Position _____

Morning Workshop- Choose 1 of these 8 Sessions.

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1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

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