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February 12 & 13, 2021
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Welcome Educators and Parents,

Welcome to the second annual, 2e Conference at William & Mary, hosted by the Center for Gifted Education. This conference is a passion project that was born out of my many years of teaching both special education and gifted education. Even more eyeopening was the experience of raising and educating a 2e child myself.

The goal of this conference is to bring people together by sharing and learning from one another in order to better serve students that don't fit into any one mold. These students are truly exceptional and they each require their own unique learning experiences to thrive. They need people like you to be their champion and their advocate. Most importantly, they need you to see and believe in their greatness.

We have a wonderful lineup of speakers and sessions for you. Most sessions will be live presentations on February 12th & 13th. To access each session go to the conference platform (link below), sign in, click start course, and follow the schedule on the left. To view a session, click on the session box then look for the "Click Here to Access the Session". Each link will take you to a Zoom webinar or room. If you ever get lost along the way go back to the Conference Platform. We also have Networking Lunches and Exhibitor Chats scheduled so you can interact with other attendees and Exhibitors. Following the live event, all Keynote, Featured Speaker, and Breakout session recordings will be available until Dec 31, 2021. Please share what you learn with your greater community and spread the knowledge. Thank you for coming,

Ashley Carpenter

Dr. Ashley Y. Carpenter
2e @ W&M Conference Coordinator
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### Friday Overview

**Friday, February 12, 2021**

**Welcome - Dr. Ashley Carpenter**
- 8:30–9 a.m.

**Keynote Speaker**
- 9–10 a.m.
  - Dr. Sally M. Reis - Using Strength-Based Pedagogy to Engage and Challenge 2E Students’ Development

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Sally M. Reis, Ph.D.

Sally M. Reis holds the Letitia Neag Chair in Educational Psychology, is a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor in the Neag School of Education and the former Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Connecticut. She also served as Principal Investigator of the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented and Head of the Educational Psychology Department. She was a classroom teacher in public education as well as an administrator before her work at UConn. She has authored and co-authored over 280 articles, books, book chapters, monographs and technical reports, and worked in a research team that has generated over 50 million dollars in grants in the last 15 years. Her latest work is funded research that enables an in-depth study of academic success in 2e students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, with the development of programs and interventions based on what works for this population.

Her scholarship is diverse and broad, as summarized by her numerous articles, books, book chapters, monographs, and technical reports. Her specialized research interests are related to diverse populations of gifted and talented students, including students with learning disabilities, gifted females, and culturally and linguistically diverse talented students. She is a Distinguished Scholar of the National Association for Gifted Children and a fellow of Division 15 of The American Psychological Association.

Her research interests are related to gifted education and talent development, as well as special populations of gifted and talented students, including students with learning disabilities, gifted girls and women, and diverse groups of talented students who are often underserved. She has won many professional awards including the Distinguished Scholar Award by the National Association for Gifted Children, for her scholarly contributions to the field. She won the Neag School of Education Outstanding Research Award and the Educator of the Year Award from Future Problem Solving. Among her proudest accomplishments, besides her family, is her work on the Schoolwide Enrichment Model and her leadership of Confratute, with her partner and husband, Joseph Renzulli for over four decades.

Keynote Session:
Using Strength-Based Pedagogy to Engage and Challenge 2E Students’ Development

This keynote will provide an overview of exciting and positive new research about students who are both academically talented and have disabilities, focusing on recent research on students with ASD. The focus of this work is how we can use strengths and interests to help develop talents in a broad range of students who are 2e, that is twice exceptional. Specific recent research results will be shared about how we can support the academic strengths and interests of this group of students and help them realize their potential.
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**The Schoolwide Enrichment Model**
- **Dr. Sally M. Reis**

This session will provide an overview of The Schoolwide Enrichment Model, and specific strategies for implementing the model in a variety of schools with students of different ages and demographic backgrounds. The model, which is based on more than four decades of research and development, is a comprehensive system for infusing "high-end learning" into total school talent development efforts while simultaneously challenging and engaging our highest achieving students. Specific strategies in the SEM include the development of Total Talent Portfolios, Curriculum Modification Techniques, and Enrichment Teaching and Learning.

**Educator Session**

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**Being 3E: Uncovering barriers & facilitators that impact the development of their gifts & talents**
- **Joy Lawson Davis, EdD**
- **Dr. Carlita R.B. Cotton**

This session will focus on the challenges of neurodiverse Black students who are gifted with other exceptionalities. As underserved students in gifted and exceptional learner programs across the nation, 3E students needs remain unmet and often misunderstood. Using intersectionality as a framework, participants will leave with a better understanding of the multiple worlds these students must navigate, culturally responsive instructional strategies and advocacy tips for families & educators.

**Parent & Educator Session**

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**Meet Dr. Davis Friday @ 12:30's Exhibitor Chat**

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**Managing Social Emotional Engagement, Effective Communication, and Emotion Regulation During the Pandemic**
- **Julie Skolnick, M.A., J.D.**

Just when we need connection and communication the most, it seems hardest... On a "typical" day, managing social emotional engagement, effective communication and emotion regulation can be challenging for gifted and twice exceptional people. During the pandemic, our resources are stretched, our resilience runs low and it's tough to support ourselves, our children and our students who are struggling similarly. This presentation addresses why the gifted and 2e profiles are challenged in these areas and how to adjust in order to succeed.

**Parent & Educator Session**
**Introduction to Twice-Exceptionality (2e)**

- **Dr. Ashley Y. Carpenter**

What is 2e? Who are the twice-exceptional? If you need an Introductory Course to Twice-Exceptionality, characteristics, common disability profiles, identification issues, and what services and strategies are recommended, this is the session for you.

**Educator Session**

**Private Evaluations for 2E Children- Where do we start?**

- **Dr. Ann VanSkiver**

Participants will leave this session with an understanding of the purpose behind evaluations for exceptionality and what this means, what a good evaluation will entail, and where to go to get one! Most importantly, participants will learn what to ask to ensure they get the best from their evaluation process.

**Parent Session**

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**FAST FACTS**

- **Prerequisite:** Master's degree in education or related field
- **Coursework:** Min. 69 credit hours
- **Entry term:** Fall

This program prepares scholars for service as college and university professors, educational administrators, government or foundation officers, program evaluators or independent researchers and practitioners.

**Curriculum**

A comprehensive preparation program in collaborative planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs for students with special talents.

Prior to starting their dissertation, students take classes in four main areas:
- leadership
- research
- concentration (including curriculum courses)
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**Gifted Concentration Faculty**

- Dr. Tracy L. Cross
- Dr. Mihyeon Kim
- Dr. Lori Bland
- Dr. Jennifer Cross
Introduction to Curriculum Compacting
- Stacy Hayden, M.A.

Research demonstrates gifted students frequently spend time learning previously mastered content. Differentiation is necessary; however, this may seem overwhelming for many teachers. In this session, participants will learn how to implement curriculum compacting with a step-by-step process. Presenters will share specific examples of compacting for a wide range of students and receive resources to get started with their own students.

Educator Session

GT + SPED = Student Success: Collaborating to Support Twice-Exceptional Learners
- Emily Mofield, Ed.D.
- Vicki Phelps, Ed.D.

Twice-exceptional students need specialized supports for developing their strengths and addressing their learning needs. How can gifted education teachers, special education teachers, and other related specialists work together to best address their needs? Learn models and strategies for successful collaboration that pave a pathway for helping twice-exceptional learners show and grow their gifts and talents.

Educator Session

Surviving, Striving, Thriving: Trauma-Impacted Mental Health Strategies for Gifted Learners
- Claire E. Hughes, Ph.D.

2020 will go down in history as a watershed moment in which mental health issues became a significant issue in today’s schools, workplaces and home. This session will explore internal and external strategies to move from being a passive victim to an active participant in your own life. By examining the different types of happiness and creating strategies to play that help continue achieving, gifted learners and their families can begin to find a new normal and a way forward.

Parent & Educator Session
Guiding Twice-Exceptional Students in Social Interactions

- Jennifer Riedl Cross, Ph.D.

The social information processing model breaks social interactions down into its component parts. Anyone, including twice exceptional students, may have difficulty with one of these parts, but through deliberate training, these difficulties can be overcome. In this session, the model will be introduced and each component will be examined through a twice-exceptional lens, suggesting strategies for overcoming challenges to building relationships.

Parent & Educator Session

Understanding and Managing Transitions for Twice Exceptional Kids

- Julie Skolnick, M.A., J.D.

Transitions are notoriously challenging for 2e kids (and adults!). An inflexible personality type along with anxiety can seriously compromise a 2e person's ability to pivot and change direction, disengage from an activity or initiate action. We will discuss why these things are hard for the 2e profile and what to do to make transitions less challenging.

Parent & Educator Session

FAST FACTS

- Designed for: Teachers, administrators, & other educators seeking leadership roles
- Prerequisite: Master's degree in education or related field
- Coursework: 51 credit hours
- Entry term: Summer
- Format: Online coursework supplemented by a two-week residency in the summer & a few weekends per semester

Course Topics

- Educational policy, development, and analysis
- Educational planning
- Leadership in education
- Data-based decision making
- Program evaluation
- Action research
- Cross-disciplinary perspectives in education
- Curriculum & instruction for gifted learners
- Programs and models in gifted education
- Developmental perspectives in gifted education
- Administration and policy issues in gifted education
Networking Lunch - 12 - 12:30 p.m.

Grab your lunch and meet new people, we will be networking using your choice of Zoom breakout rooms to build your network and have some laughs.

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Week 1: June 28th—July 2nd
Week 2: July 12th—July 16th

*Each week will have a morning & afternoon session.*
10AM—12PM & 1PM—3PM

Virtual Enrichment Courses
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Exploring the Phenomenon of Suicide Among Students with Gifts and Talents

- Dr. Tracy L. Cross

This session provides participants with a picture of what suicidal behavior is, clarifies what is known and unknown about it, shares two major theories of suicide, and offers an emerging model of the suicidal behavior of students with gifts and talents as well as 2e students. In addition, Dr. Cross will share insight into the personal experience of students, details about what schools and families can do to help prevent suicide among 2e/gifted students, and shares a variety of helpful resources. This session reviews Dr. Cross’s book, Suicide Among Gifted Children and Adolescents: Understanding the Suicidal Mind (2nd. ed.), that is based on empirical research, direct observation, a review of the literature, other researchers’ findings and arguments, and a theory emerging from years of study.

Parent & Educator Session

Beyond the Handbook: Supporting 2e Learners in Fairfax County & How A Large School District Informs and Trains its Stakeholders

- Beth Baldwin
- Cynthia Kirschenbaum
- Janeen H Waddell

In 2019, Fairfax County Public Schools (VA) published a 2e handbook to guide schools and families in understanding and supporting twice-exceptional learners. That was just the first step. Please join us to learn about the handbook and to hear about our new district 2e plan, including asynchronous training opportunities and collaboration with school teams to support the academic success and social-emotional wellness of their 2e students.

Educator Session

Panel Discussion: Parents of 2E Students at Home, Educators at Work

- Dr. Ashley Carpenter
- Dr. Patty Costis
- Dr. Claire Hughes

This session will be a panel discussion with educators that are also parents of twice-exceptional children. They share their unique stories, perspectives, and insight into their children and what it's like to be both and educator and a parent to a 2e child.

Parent Session
Advocating for the Gifted in a General Ed Classroom

- Justin Villet

Giftedness is a “mixed bag.” As someone who is gifted, there are a lot of opportunities and doors that open because of the way a gifted person thinks, but giftedness is wildly misunderstood, and gifted people usually have a really hard time in systems for which they have to conform. Through no fault of their own, educators usually don’t know much about giftedness, or what they do know is a little out-of-date. This presentation will help parents learn how to advocate for their gifted kids, as well as help educators find common ground.

Parent Session

The Kids Fighting to Save Gifted Education

- Terry Friedrichs, Ph. D., Ed. D.
- Devesh Bhor
- Anushka Chaudari
- Amogh Kulkarni

Three teen leaders in Midwestern gifted programs describe learning about their educational needs as gifted persons and then, inspired, taking leadership roles in advocating for all students' advanced educational needs. The youth explain their fight to strengthen their state's advanced-education mandate, to triple that mandate's funding, and to extend advanced thinking skills to all youth. Each leader tells about effective advocacy to student and adult groups, especially legislators. Their mentor highlights successes with 2e leaders and issues.

Parent & Educator Session
Approaches and Resources for Engaging Students with Learning Disabilities During Remote/Hybrid Learning

- *Samantha Semlitz, M.S.T*

Students with learning disabilities require a significant amount of support to continue progressing in their developing skill areas during remote/hybrid learning. This presentation will discuss online resources and teaching methods that translate well to the remote/hybrid learning model.

*Educator Session*

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Top 10 Strategies for Successful Communication Between Parents and Educators of 2e Students

- *Julie Skolnick, M.A., J.D.*

Educators and parents often struggle with twice exceptional children. Frustrated teachers and parents experience self-doubt and their self-confidence is often compromised. Emotions and ego can get in the way of collaborative communication and effective strategies. This session provides the top 10 strategies that encourage meaningful interactions for educators and parents of 2e students.

*Parent & Educator Session*

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Nurturing Agents of Change: Empowering 2E Students To Become Leaders In Their Growth and Learning

- *Dr. Stacie M. Herrera*
- *Ethan Weiss, MS, LCSW*

Join two therapists who specialize in working with gifted and twice-exceptional students for a discussion about the readiness to accept change and the need to do things differently. Walk away with useful tools and tips for supporting your twice exceptional student through significant struggle. Participants will learn how assessing and respecting a student’s readiness to change is an integral part of providing effective social-emotional and academic support in schools, in therapy, at home, and beyond.

*Parent & Educator Session*
Opportunities for Personalization and Integration During Remote/Hybrid Learning for Twice-Exceptional Learners

- Nicole Cavaliere, M.Ed.
- Athena Tahos, M.S., CCC-SLP

Personalized learning plans promote student engagement at all times, but is a vital approach to ensuring student engagement during remote and hybrid learning. True personalization involves crafting learning around student strengths and interests while simultaneously filling in learning gaps. Integration is the blending of academic learning with social-emotional skill building, which promotes generalization of target concepts and competencies in both areas. This presentation will discuss the opportunities for personalization and integration in remote/hybrid learning environments.

Educator Session

Visit our Virtual Exhibit Hall and Chat with some of our Exhibitors
The Hand You Were Dealt: Challenging Assumptions of Giftedness, Twice-Exceptionality, and Cognitive Diversity

- Cynthia Z. Hansen, M.Ed., ET/P

The Hand You Were Dealt Workshop engages participants in a high-energy, interactive format, questioning expectations, and seeking a deeper awareness about the broad range of gifted and twice-exceptional experiences. We will transform these insights into action by focusing on learners’ strengths, interests, and talents to create a framework for success.

Parent & Educator Session

Throw out the dreaded spelling and timed math tests! Strategies for bringing out the genius in 2e students with Dyslexia

- Kim Bertha
- Misty Burkhart
- Laurie Penzenstadler

Twice exceptional students who struggle with dyslexia often have big ideas and make high level conceptual connections. The effects of dyslexia impact their access to content and ability to express their ideas. This results in bright, capable students disengaging and hating school. Participants will walk away with strategies to unlock student potential and allow their creative expression to soar.

Educator Session

Teaching Twice-Exceptional Learners in Environments With and Without 2e Programs

- Sarah Finch Jackson
- Carolyn Martinez-Ross
- Maggie Fletcher

In this expert panel discussion, facilitated by Sarah Finch Jackson, 2e Instructional Specialist with Montgomery County Public Schools (MD), participants will hear from special and general educators on their experiences with teaching 2e student populations when resources were available for this student population versus when they are not. The educators will make a case for the importance of providing professional learning for all educators on the 2e learner profile, regardless of funding of discrete resources within a district.

Educator Session
Overcoming Perfectionism: How to Stop Moving the Goalposts

- Dr. Matt Zakreski

But it's not perfect yet!! Perfectionism can be a major aspect of being gifted and twice-exceptional. This presentation will define perfectionism as an aspect of anxiety and how it manifests in and outside of the classroom. It is important to understand the personality factors and reinforcement patterns that maintain perfectionism in gifted individuals. We will also give practical solutions for managing these feelings and related behaviors.

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SOS for Parents in the Trenches

Behind every kid who is differently wired is likely to stand one or more frustrated, isolated, perhaps even burnt out-feeling adult. There are millions of us around the world. We're everywhere, but often feel completely isolated raising our neurologically atypical kids. In this practical and actionable talk, Debbie shares ten powerful “tilts,” a.k.a. practical ideas to help parents shift their thinking and actions in a way that will help them feel more confidence and peaceful about their everyday reality, create a stronger family dynamic, and give their extraordinary children what they need to thrive.

Deborah Reber is a parenting activist, New York Times bestselling author, podcast host, and speaker who moved her career in a more personal direction in 2016 when she founded TiLT Parenting, a website, weekly podcast, and resource for parents like her who are raising differently wired children. The TiLT Parenting Podcast has grown to be a top parenting, with nearly 3 million downloads and a slate of guests that includes high-profile thought leaders across the parenting and education space. A regular contributor to Psychology Today and ADDitude Magazine, Debbie’s newest book is Differently Wired: A Parent’s Guide to Raising an Atypical Child with Confidence and Hope. She recently spoke at TEDxAmsterdam, delivering a talk entitled Why the Future Will Be Differently Wired.
**Gifted/2e Trauma**
- Dr. Melanie Hayes

Gifted/Twice Exceptional people experience overexcitabilities and sensory processing issues that can lead to increased trauma. This presentation will explore the stressors that can cause trauma and offer suggestions for processing those experiences.

*Parent & Educator Session*

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**Twice Exceptional students and school success: A view from Down Under**
- Estee Stephenson

This presentation will use research on the importance and nature of Executive Functioning coaching as a tool to build the capacity and improve achievement for students who have been identified as Twice Exceptional. Through case studies, the presentation will address strategies in which educators can lead change for these students in the classroom and recommend whole school approaches to support 2E students.

*Parent & Educator Session*

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**Successfully Including 2e Learners in a Gifted Classroom**
- S. Ley-Anne Folks, M. Ed
- Heather Lai

Are you wondering how to successfully integrate 2e learners in your gifted classroom? Come to our presentation where we share the strategies and pedagogical approaches we use to create our inclusive classrooms. We also discuss how we modified these approaches to provide effective support during at home learning during COVID-19.

*Educator Session*

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**Collaborative IEP Strategies to Reduce Overwhelm and Achieve More**
- Catherine Whitcher, M.Ed

Special Education services are not just for academics or failing students, yet the struggle is real for parents who are seeking support for their children with unique learning needs. From collaboration at the IEP table to designing everyday supports, this session will allow all parents to walk away feeling confident for their next special education meeting!

*Parent Session & Educator Session*
Academic success among 2e students is due in part to their ability to operate on a level playing field, accomplished by accommodations in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or under Section of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Although K-12 educators are required by federal law to seek, identify, and serve students with disabilities, the onus shifts to students once they enter college. How does a high school graduate level the playing field in college? Where do they start? In this workshop, parents and 2e students will learn tips for navigating the process of requesting and receiving accommodations in the college setting.

Parent Session
Insight into a Bright Mind: The Latest Neuroscience of Giftedness, Twice-Exceptionality, and Living as Liberated Beings

Gifted and twice-exceptional (“2e”) individuals perceive and respond to the world with elevated receptivity and processing which originates from our neurobiology and physiology. Neuroscience is illuminating how no two brains are alike. Each of our brains is as unique as our fingerprints. Dr. Tetreault advocates for neuroindividuality as the “new normal,” explaining how groundbreaking science leads us to nurture the entire individual: our gifts, our challenges, and everything in between. Revolutionize your thinking by understanding how gifted experiences may be intense because we are simply “hard-wired” differently! Learn about recent studies that report how high-IQ individuals can be uniquely at risk for psychological and physiological conditions. Explore positive practices centered around neuroscience and psychology to support whole individual. When we tap into our essence and share our gifts, we experience the light of coming into our full embodiment, where we live and thrive as liberated beings.

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Insight Into a Bright Mind explores groundbreaking research examining experiences of unique, creative, and intense brains through interviews, storytelling, and literary science, while advocating for new directions of human diversity and neurodiversity.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Nicole A. Tetreault, Ph.D., is a neuroscientist, author, meditation teacher, and international speaker on topics of neurodiversity, neurodevelopment, creativity, mental health, and wellness. She is dedicated to translating the most promising neuroscience and positive psychology for individuals to live their best life.

Meet Dr. Tetreault - Exhibitor Chats
Friday @ 3 & Saturday @ 12:30 & 3
Networking Lunch - 12 - 12:30 p.m.

Grab your lunch and meet new people, we will be networking using your choice of Zoom breakout rooms to build your network and have some laughs.

Lunch Exhibitor Chats
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Visit our Virtual Exhibit Hall and Chat with some of our Exhibitors
Supporting Executive Function, ADHD, Dyslexia and Academic Achievement during Covid-19

- Melissa Malen, Ph.D.
- Gabriela Álvares

Gifted and 2e students often struggle with executive function skills such as organizing, getting started, persisting to complete work, prioritizing and planning work on a timeline. Many students are experiencing greater challenges during Covid-19 while learning online, in a hybrid arrangement or in class while managing social distancing and wearing masks. Assistive technology and self-advocacy offer support 2e students. Join us in this session to develop a deeper understanding of executive function challenges and how to support students.

Parent & Educator Session

Finding Joy: Encouraging Happiness in 2e Gifted Students with ASD

- Claire E. Hughes, Ph.D.

Joy and happiness look differently to gifted students on the autism spectrum. They experience these emotions differently and solutions for the general population are not as helpful for this group. This session will look at mental health issues that have emerged as a significant area of focus during the pandemic and discuss how 2e children have been impacted. Implications for use of trauma-based strategies for this group will be discussed, as well as adaptations for general mental health strategies.

Parent & Educator Session

Exploring Social Justice Issues Through Literature

- Laura Cruickshank M.Sc.
- Heather Lai

Do you have students passionate about social justice? Are you wondering how to approach these important topics through sharing books? A characteristic of many gifted students is heightened empathy. While students are very empathetic, they may have asynchronous perspectives in dealing with injustice issues. Books provide a comfortable entry point in which these issues are accessible to diverse learners. This allows students to develop a strong platform in working with personal challenges with the material.

Educator Session
**Twice-Exceptional Learners: Dilemmas and Solutions via Relationship Building for Teachers and Parents**

- Kimberly Hopwood, Ed.D.

Given the majority of 2e students outwardly present as typical, their first educational placement is usually in a general education classroom with teachers who are not aware or trained to identify their unique educational needs. This session will explore recent data from teachers and parents regarding awareness and training, examine some fundamental issues confronting schools, and share some hands-on recommendations for building critical relationships between teachers, students, and their parents.

*Parent & Educator Session*

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**Simple Strategies for Creating 2e Friendly Classrooms: A Focus on Sensory Processing Disorders for Teachers and Parents**

- Edith Burke

Many 2e students need adaptations to the environment to make their day (and yours) go more smoothly. In this session we will discuss sensory processing, how they impede student learning, and why students may have difficulties in certain areas. Through guided brainstorming, and shared experiences we will identify simple changes that can make the classroom more 2e friendly. This workshop will offer numerous ways you can use inexpensive everyday items to meet the needs of your students and stay within your budget! Learn to make kinetic sand, sensory bottles, as well as a variety of manipulatives that you can personalized to individual students. Some of them the students can create themselves!

*Educator Session*
When LaZy Doesn't Make Sense: Revealing the Impact of Executive Skill Delays for Gifted and Twice Exceptional Learners

- Cynthia Z. Hansen, M.Ed., ET/P

How does a student earn the “lazy” label? Learn how to dig beneath a learner’s resistant behaviors to understand their struggles and their strengths. This workshop describes the unique profiles of gifted students with executive dysfunction, the impact on a child's strengths and learning challenges and guides participants to investigate the environmental factors that may be adjusted to engage and sustain a child’s motivation, stamina, and resilience.

Parent & Educator Session

So you have to be a counselor, even though you’re not one...

- Justin Villet

Social-emotional development for students, and especially for gifted and 2e kids, is essential for the growth and development of the whole child. Most educators agree with this statement. The problem is that many educators are asked to do this without really knowing what this means, how to integrate this into a class that is content-mastery driven, and how to make sure social-emotional development has “staying power.” This presentation outlines some of the issues and guides educators through creating a system that integrates content and skills.

Parent & Educator Session

Twice-Exceptional Students Through the Lens of Children's Literature

- Jessica Torres, M.Ed

Students who possess both exceptional abilities and learning disabilities have unique learning and social-emotional needs. Children's literature can help teachers, parents, and students learn about characteristics and needs common to twice-exceptional students. Literature can transform the human experience and open the door for us to learn about the lives and experiences of twice-exceptional students as part of the larger human experience.

Educator Session
Fears to Friends: Using Art to Empower

- Laura Cruickshank M.Sc.
- Heather Lai

Do you have students that love the arts? We can use art-based strategies to develop and empower the social emotional well-being of 2e learners. We believe that emotional regulation through the arts can afford gifted children strategies for coping with their fears and anxieties. We propose that by providing gifted children the opportunity to explore their fears and anxieties through art making processes, they will be learning a tool that will allow them to cope with these fears and anxieties.

Educator Session

Gifted, and 2e, and IEPs, Oh My: Advocacy and Legal Strategies

- Cristina Jones
- Molly Isaacs-McLeod

In this information-filled session, we will provide strategies for advocating for your gifted and twice-exceptional students. We will discuss the types of services and accommodations to consider, as well as goal setting. We will offer guidelines for determining whether an independent educational evaluation is desirable and how to select an evaluator. We will provide information regarding issues of eligibility with focus on showing disability when a student performs at or above grade level. Implications of the recent Endrew F. case for gifted and 2e students will also be discussed.

Parent Session

Coffee Break & Exhibitor Chats

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Maslow 2.0 The Hierarchy of Needs, Redefined

Abraham Maslow is the 20th-century psychologist best-known for explaining human motivation through a hierarchy of needs. At a basic level, humans need food, water, warmth and rest, before moving onto more complex needs such as safety, love, and self-esteem. And it's only when all of those needs are met that we can begin striving towards our full potential, the theory states. Somewhat paradoxically, Maslow also believed that self-actualization—achieving one's full potential—is a necessary component to achieving transcendence, or the ability to look beyond ourselves and to the greater good of all humanity. On a quest to discover Maslow's unfinished theory, Scott Barry Kaufman revives the humanistic psychologist's seminal work with contemporary findings, including his own research on how self-actualization affects our health, growth, creativity, and purpose. In this talk, Dr. Kaufman presents a new hierarchy of needs for the 21st century—one that allows for individual potential, and the unification of our divided humanity. You don't have to choose either self-actualization or self-transcendence, says Dr. Kaufman. The combination of both is essential to living a full and meaningful existence.