



Illinois Council for Exceptional Children In-Person Fall Convention 2023

Making a Difference One Student at a Time!
Thursday – Saturday, November 2-4, 2023

ICEC Fall Convention Features

Thursday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Top 10 Cases in School Law: What You Need to Know
Neal Takiff and Shermin Ali, Attorneys at Law,
Whitted, Takiff, and Hansen, LLC, Northbrook, IL

Saturday, November 4, 9:45-10:45 p.m.
Parent Panel: Let's Walk in the Shoes of Parents of Children with Special Needs

Would you like to know what it's like to be a parent of a child with special needs? You are invited to come and listen to our incredible parents and walk through their stories with them from birth, diagnoses, early intervention struggles, and the sleepless nights filled with worries and hopes for their children with disabilities. Parents will share what every educator needs to know.

Saturday, November 4, 11:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Ray Graham Award Luncheon
Join ICEC and Recognize Award Recipients
YES, I CAN! Awards
ICEC Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award
The most prestigious honor bestowed on an Illinois Teacher of students with exceptional needs
ICEC Outstanding General Education Teacher of the Year
ICEC Meritorious Service Award
Dean S. Hage Student of the Year Award
ICEC Robert E. Abbott Outstanding Contributor
ICEC Legislator of the Year

Keynote Speakers

Friday, November 3 – 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Keynote Speaker: Gloria McDaniel-Hall, Ed.D.
Keynote Speaker: *Is BELONGING all that really MATTERS?*



Dr. Gloria McDaniel-Hall served as a teacher, school principal, director of school quality, and senior curriculum and instruction specialist with National Heritage Academies during her 39-year tenure as an educator. She is currently an assistant professor in the Educational Leadership Department at National Louis University in Chicago. Dr. McDaniel-Hall presented at numerous

educational conferences and has published several book chapters and articles. She believes passionately that education is *the human rights issue of our time*. She devoted her life to equity for all members of the school community. Dr. McDaniel-Hall writes children's books devoted to topics related to social-emotional learning. She is currently writing a text titled *No Teacher Left Behind*.

Friday, November 3 - Luncheon, 12:15-1:30 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Lani Lawson, BCBA
Keynote Speaker: *The Hard Work of Optimism*



Lani Lawson is a former classroom teacher and current Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She owns Love Your Classroom LLC, and her company is trusted to provide behavioral services to educators in more than 70 school districts in Illinois. Her company's goal is for every teacher to be confident and happy in the classroom, especially regarding student behavior. Her

Teach.Train.Thrive. Workshops ® for educators have gained a reputation - educators enjoy attending and walk away with strategies to use that day. Lani believes that every educator should have the resources to create environments that they enjoy teaching in each day.

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Thursday, November 4, 2023

8:00-6:00 p.m. Registration Open
8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee and Rolls
8:00-6:00 p.m. Professional Development Sign-in/Sign-out
8:00-4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

The Chicago Marriott Naperville

Room reservations must be made by **October 12, 2023**, by calling the hotel **1-800-228-9290** or **1-630-505-4900**. Identify yourself with the 2023 Fall Convention of the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children for **\$128.00 Single and Double Room Rate**

9:00 a.m.-Noon *Top 10 Cases in School Law: What You Need to Know* Neal Takiff and Shermin Ali, Attorneys at Law, Whitted, Takiff, and Hansen, LLC, Northbrook, IL.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Box Lunch Themed Table Conversations

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Choice of Six Sessions

The Power of Choice and Power of Struggles Sydney Lydon, BCBA PremierCare

Understanding Behaviors: Lessons for a Lifetime Shelley Kenow, CEO & Founder of Shelly Kenow IEP Consultants

Following the Science: Collaboration Between General Education and Special Ed Teachers to Support Student Learning Lisa C. Love, Teacher, Chicago Public Schools

Establishing Community Partnerships and Meeting Workforce Needs Lyndsay Palach Shelton, Founder & Transition Specialist
FUTURE Social Learning & Transition Planning

Proof is in the Data: Interpreting Data to Track Growth Quentin M. Wherfel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Bradley University

School Psychology and Teacher Collaboration Effectiveness Jessie Neal, M.Ed., NCSP, UIC

2:45-3:45 p.m. Choice of Seven Sessions

Break it Down Now Y'all: Promoting Independence with Active Schedules Rose DeCanniere, Autism Specialist, Easterseals

Sixty 60- Second Behavior Interventions Bev Johns, Learning and Behavior Consultant, Retired, MacMurray College

Transform Teacher Assistants into Education Specialists: Using the CEC Core Competences to Evaluate Paraprofessionals Karen Starr, Special Education Administrator, CC School District #59

What Parents and Educators of Transition Age (18-22) Students Need to Know About Social Security Stacey Dembo, Attorney, The Law Offices of Stacey J. Dembo, LLC

Through My Eyes: Working Towards My Dream - A Student's Perspective Brad Walkenhorst, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Blackburn College

Running Effective IEP Meetings and Case Management Key Tips Melinda Miethe, Program Advisor for the Illinois Elevating Special Educators Network, Regional Office of Education, #9.

Relationships in the Autism Classroom Meghan Wurst, Teacher, Communication and Adaptive Behavior Teacher SOWIC

4:00-5:00 p.m. Choice of Seven Sessions

"Help! My hand is stuck, I can't eat" – Understanding Pathological Demand Avoidance Molly Johnson, SLP and PDA Parent, Lincoln-Way Community High School, District #210

Data Collection for IEP Progress Reports Shelley Kenow, CEO & Founder of Shelley Kenow, Veteran Certified LBS1 and Business Owner

Promoting Independence to the Fullest Rachel Schless, Special Education Teacher, Community Consolidated School District #21, Riley Elementary School

Understanding and Establishing Meaningful Work-Based Learning Experiences Jessica Sipovic, Training Specialist, Illinois Center for Transition and Work, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Feel 20 Years Younger by 3:00 p.m. Amy Hurt, Educator, Leman Middle School

Practical Learning: Advantages of Applied Projects Over Traditional Exams Lisa Jacovsky, Professor of Psychology, Union College

Leave Your Biases at the Door Kathleen Briseno, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Special Education, Concordia University, Chicago

5:00 p.m. Past President's Advisory Council
6:30 p.m. ICEC Executive Board Meeting—Elected ICEC Board Members and Committee Chairs are expected to attend.
8:00 p.m. President's Reception

ATTENTION: ALL STUDENT ICEC MEMBERS (limited slots available)

You are invited to volunteer for 3 hours at the 2023 ICEC Fall Convention

The ICEC Convention Committee will award you a **free registration**

To apply contact Brad Walkenhorst, Ph.D., ICEC Program Committee

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Meet ICEC Convention exhibitors and make meaningful connections with experts in the field. Learn about new resources and walk away with new and useful information.

Are you a member of CEC? If not, join CEC today and save on ICEC Convention registration fees.
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Friday, November 3, 2023

7:30-5:00 p.m. Registration Open
8:00-5:00 p.m. Professional Development Sign-in/Sign-out
8:00-4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
4:00-5:00 p.m. Poster Sessions
4:00-5:00 p.m. ICEC Delegate Assembly

Expand your knowledge and make meaningful connections by attending the poster-sessions – a valuable opportunity to explore diverse topics and engage with presenters

Friday, November 3, 2023, 9:00-10:30 a.m. ICEC Fall Convention Keynote Address

Is BELONGING all that really MATTERS?

Gloria McDaniel-Hall, Ed.D.

10:45-11:45 a.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Ease Into Employment: Building Independent Work Skills for Students with Significant Disabilities Shannon Wess, Autism Specialist, Easterseals Serving Chicagoland

Eliminate Classroom Chaos: Strategies and Techniques for Encouragement, Empowerment, and Excellence in Your Classroom! Christine Dodd, Special Education Specialist and Advocate, Illinois Special Education Advocate, DGP, MSD

Enhancing Classroom Activities Through AIM (Accept, Identify, Move) Lisa Jacovsky, Professor of Psychology, Union College

Transition Planning and Practices in Middle School: The Importance of Starting Early Nicole Birri, Ed.D., Training Specialist, University of Illinois - Illinois Center for Transition and Work

IDCDT Showcase: Join Illinois IDCDT! Lyndsay Palach Shelton, IDCDT President, Illinois Division on Career Development and Transition

Developmentally Appropriate Circle Time Becky Handler, Early Childhood Special Education, STAR NET

ICASE Showcase: Aspiring Leaders Panel Melissa Taylor, Tarin Kendrick and Elizabeth DeGruy

Making a Difference for Students with Dyscalculia Aubrey Durkin, Specific Learning Disability Support Project Content Specialist, Specific Learning Disability Support Project

Noon-1:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote Address

The Hard Work of Optimism

Lani Lawson, BCBA/ CEO of Love Your Classroom LLC

1:45-2:45 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

"I don't need help, I can do it": Teaching Independence Adriana Schmidt, Autism Specialist, BCBA, Easterseals Chicago

Brainstorming Meaningful, Standards-Aligned Goals for Functional Skills Colleen Finucane, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois at Chicago

Listen to the Voices of the Characters: Disability Representation in Children's Literature Christine Scholma, Associate Professor of Special Education, Trinity Christian College

Trauma in the Classroom: Creating Trauma-Informed Classroom Communities Rebecca Einoris, Special Education Teacher, John L. Nash Middle School, Central CU School District #4

IDADD Showcase: Out-of-School Time: Inclusive Opportunities for Students with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities Jessica Zanton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Eastern Illinois University *Double Session: Part 1

Mindful Education: Enhancing Focus and Participation in K-12 Classrooms Lisa Jacovsky, Professor of Psychology, Union College

Empowering Teachers To Lead in Their Schools: The Teacher Leadership Summit Lisa Caputo Love, Special Education Teacher and Doctoral Student, Illinois State University, Chicago Public Schools

How to Motivate Students Who Refuse to Work Lani Lawson, BCBA/CEO of Love Your Classroom LLC

3:00-4:00 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

Supporting General Education High School Teachers with Reading IEPs and Making Accommodations Amy Fritsch, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois

Behavior Management Programs: Check-In Check-Out and Other Useful Systems Colleen Finucane, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois at Chicago

Building Math Growth Mindsets Steven Berkley, Teacher/Case Manager, Glenbrook South High School

Empathetic Navigation of the IEP Process: Parental Resources, Support, and Advocacy for Students Requiring Additional Care Shawn M. Walsh, Assistant Executive Director of Student Services, Lansing School District #158

IDADD Showcase: Out-of-School Time: Inclusive Opportunities for Students with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities Jessica Zanton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Eastern Illinois University *Double Session: Part 2

Yes, Higher Education is for All: Supporting Neurodiversity in Higher Education Brad Walkenhorst, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Blackburn College

Trauma Informed Care Marie Goulet, LCSW Lead Social Worker, New Lenox School District #122

Supporting Youth in Crisis: Youth Mental Health First Aid for Special Education Chris Stimson, School Social Worker/Clinical Social Worker, Central CU School District #4/Private Practice

4:00-5:00 p.m. POSTER SESSIONS

Saturday, November 4, 2023

7:30-3:00 p.m. Registration Open
8:00-3:00 p.m. Professional Development Sign-in/Sign-out
8:00-3:00 p.m. Exhibits and Poster Sessions

**Special Drawing for Great Prizes for
Completed Evaluation Forms**

8:30-9:30 a.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

- Three Key Components to Unlocking Classroom Success** Adriana Schmidt, Autism Specialist, BCBA Easterseals Chicago
- The Many Faces of Oppositional Defiant Disorders: What Strategies Work and What Don't** Bev Johns, Learning and Behavior Consultant, former Professional Fellow, MacMurray College
- Paraprofessionals: Your Best Asset and Ally!** Shelley Kenow, CEO & Founder of Shelley Kenow, IEP Consultant
- Medicaid Waiver Program Options for People with Disabilities in Illinois** Carissa Cornwell, Senior Rehabilitation Counselor, State of Illinois, Department of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services - Home Services Program
- The ACE Study and It's Impact on Children of Color** Michael McGrone, Principal, Thurgood Marshall Alternative High School
- PBIS in Juvenile Detention and Alternative Settings** David Coker, Ph.D., Teacher/Head of School, Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center
- IDEC Showcase: Multitiered System of Supports and Equity: Everything You Needed To Know, Now You Know Who To Ask** Antoinette Taylor, Ph.D., A.T. Exceptional Consulting, Community Consolidated School District #21, Riley Elementary School *Double Session: Part 1
- Lower the Pressure, Raise the Bar: Limiting Task Demands Within the Classroom** Rachel Schless, Special Education Teacher, Community Consolidated School District #21, Riley Elementary School

9:45-10:45 a.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

- Reframing Applied Behavior Analysis Into a Trauma-Informed Therapy** Stella Smith, Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Associate, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- We Can Lock Them UP - But Then What?** Taylor Wilson, Special Education Teacher, Eastern Illinois University
- Happily Married or Filing for Divorce: Building a Positive, Resilient Co-teaching Relationship** Steve Rish, Special Education Teacher, New Trier High School, District #203
- Parent Panel: Let's Walk in the Shoes of Parents of Children with Special Needs**
- Transition Plan Development: Writing & Aligning Post-Secondary and Annual Goals** Jessica Sipovic, Training Specialist, Illinois Center for Transition and Work, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Need Big Results? Use Small Groups. Effective Small Group Strategies for the Classroom** Jessica Rodriguez, Region Specialist, SLD Support Project
- IDEC Showcase: Multitiered System of Supports and Equity: Everything You Needed To Know, Now You Know Who To Ask** Antoinette Taylor, Ph.D. A.T. Exceptional Consulting, Community Consolidated School District #21, Riley Elementary School *Double Session: Part 2
- Understanding Proportionate Share: From Child Find to the Transition Back to Public School** Aimee R. LeBlanc, Attorney, Engler, Callaway, Baasten & Sraga, LLC

12:45-1:45 a.m. Choice of Seven Sessions

- Neurodiversity and Neurodiverse-Affirming Approaches** Caroline Usher, Speech Language Pathologist, Easterseals Academy Chicago
- Uncuff That Child: The Overrepresentation of Children with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities in the Justice System** Taylor Wilson, Special Education Teacher, Eastern Illinois University
- ILCCBD/IDEBH Showcase: Easy and Effective Interventions for Students with Challenging Behaviors** Bev Johns, President-Elect, Illinois Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, Learning and Behavior Consultant *Double Session: Part 1
- Words to Live By: Breaking Down Mottos and Mantras to Carry You Through** Shannon Wess, Autism Specialist Easterseals Serving Chicagoland
- The Secrets to Connecting with Employers for Transitioning Students Into Competitive Employment** Alana Halsne-Baarda, Transition Specialist, Warren Township High School, District #121
- Calming the Fluctuations in Your Classroom: How Yoga Can Help** Nahid Husain-Habib, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois at Chicago
- The Behavior Assessment Training Project in Illinois** Louise M. Yoho, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Co-PI, Southern Illinois University
- Preliminary Assessment of AAC-Related Stereotypy** Samantha Camacho, Program Coordinator, Turning Pointe Autism Foundation

2:00-3:00 p.m. Choice of Eight Sessions

- Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder** Brandon Perez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Northern Illinois University
- Entering the Behavior Arena** Zuica Donev, Licensed Professional Counselor, MN8 Consulting, Inc
- ILCCBD/IDEBH Showcase: Easy and Effective Interventions for Students with Challenging Behaviors** Bev Johns, President-Elect, Illinois Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, Learning and Behavior Consultant *Double Session: Part 2
- Those Words Don't Mean the Same Thing in Math: Vocabulary Challenges and Strategies to Meet Those Challenges** Margaret Kelly Carroll, Ph.D., Professor, Early Childhood and Special Education Programs Coordinator, Saint Xavier University
- Preparing Your Child for Higher Education: What You Need to Know** Brad Walkenhorst, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Blackburn College
- Bridging the Gap: Bringing General Education and Special Education Together** Nahid Husain-Habib, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Utilizing Heart Rate Monitors to Support Students with Emotional Regulation** Jennifer Winefka, Special Education Coordinator for Curriculum and Instructional Support, Bremen High School, School District #228
- Reducing Misidentification of IEP's for Students of Color Using MTSS** Karen J. Anderson, Ph.D., Director of Student Support Services, South Holland, School District #151

ICEC FALL CONVENTION 2023 PREREGISTRATION FORM

Registration Payment Procedures:

Early Bird: Registration online or mail must be received by September 8th, 2023
Preregistration: Registration online or by mail must be received by October 20th, 2023
ON-SITE REGISTRATION: We will accept credit cards for using a PayPal card reader

Special Requests
 Please list any accessibility, interpreter or food allergy needs you have so our

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Checks, payable to ICEC and send to: **ICEC Fall Convention, P.O. Box 2351, East Peoria, IL 61611-2666**
 Send a completed form per person with payment to above address. Please do NOT staple check to form.

Note: We **DO NOT ACCEPT** Purchase Orders or FAX registrations

REFUND POLICY: Written refund requests must be received on or before Friday, October 13, 2023, at the address listed

above.

For specific questions use the Contact Us feature of the ICEC website: www.illinoiscec.net/contact-us/

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THURSDAY (November 2nd) REGISTRATION

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Preregistration</u>	<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
CEC Member	75.00	\$85.00	\$170.00	
Nonmember	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$220.00	
Retired, Paraeducator & Student	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Family/Friend: Sessions only (NO LUNCH)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Family/Friends: Box Lunch Included	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	

Box Lunch Provided - Please Check One Vegetarian Non-vegetarian

FRIDAY (November 3rd) REGISTRATION

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Preregistration</u>	<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
CEC Member	75.00	\$85.00	\$170.00	
Nonmember	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$220.00	
Retired, Paraeducator & Student	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Family/Friend: Sessions only (NO LUNCH)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Family/Friends: Lunch Included	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	

Please Check Lunch Choice: Chicken Vegetarian

SATURDAY (November 4th) REGISTRATION

	<u>Early Bird</u>	<u>Preregistration</u>	<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
CEC Member	75.00	\$85.00	\$170.00	
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Family/Friends: Lunch Included	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	

Ray Graham Lunch - Please Check Lunch Choice: Chicken Vegetarian

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Dates For Your Calendar

September 8, 2023

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