



SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Multiple Educational Topics in a “Speed Dating” Overview Style

FREE workshop for Parents & Families of children with special needs, all Teachers, and other Support Professionals

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2017

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Hawks Nest STEAM Academy

3430 Robinwood Rd, Gastonia

*** Pre-registration is preferred but not required ***

Agenda: *(Light refreshments provided)*

- 9:00-9:30 Introduction to Workshop
- 9:30-11:30 Concurrent Sessions
Details on back
- 11:30-12:00 Wrap Up and Networking

Concurrent Sessions Include:

Adaptive Technology - What is it?
Adult Support
Reading
Related Services
Math
Behavior
NC Innovations Waiver

To register or for more information please contact:

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- Sara Osborne - The Arc of Gaston County: 704-861-1036

Join us for this unique workshop where you will have access to many different educational topics in an overview discussion and materials available for more in-depth learning.

This workshop is presented by:

Gaston County Schools
Department for Exceptional Children
&
Gaston County Schools Advisory Board for
Children with Disabilities
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Concurrent sessions will run from 9:30am—11:30am.

Attendees can choose up to four 30 minute discussions to attend.

Adaptive Technology - What is it? - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

Many students with disabilities are not able to use verbal communication as an effective method to communicate their wants and needs. There are multiple methods and systems to assist students with increasing their functional communication. This session will provide a brief overview of many of the systems that are currently used in classrooms in Gaston County.

Adult Support - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

Adult Supports are provided to students through their IEP, based on evidence that this level of support is needed. Adult Supports are most often utilized to address behavioral concerns or provide physical assistance to students. Some Adult Support staff are secured through Support, Inc. while others are hired directly by Gaston County Schools.

Reading - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

Students who struggle to learn to read and spell require explicit, direct, multisensory and systematic instruction in order to be successful. In this session, we will demonstrate several programs used in Gaston County Schools that meet these requirements. We will also discuss the difficulties encountered by students at the phonological, word, sentence and discourse levels.

Related Services - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

IDEA (The Individuals with Disabilities Act) defines Related Services (PT, OT, and Speech) as services and supports that students who receive Special Education require in order to access and benefit from their Special Education. In other words, without Related Services, a student receiving Special Education will not be able to make adequate progress on the annual goals of their current IEP. NC and Federal policy requires IEP teams to make data driven decisions regarding a student's need for Related Services. Where do Related Services, (PT, OT, Speech) fit into your child's educational picture? Gaston County Schools Lead Related Service Providers will be available to offer parents discipline specific information as well as answer parent questions related to the determination for and continuation of related services.

Math - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

Math instruction has changed dramatically since we were in school. Learn how to support your child in school and at home as they become stronger mathematicians. We will discuss the roles of regular and exceptional children's education teachers and information about current programs.

Behavior - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

Come learn about different ways we support students with behavior concerns in Gaston County Schools. Discussion will include: Behavior Intervention Plans, Abbreviated Day for behaviors, and the new Behavior Support Team.

North Carolina Innovations Waivers - Presented by The Arc of NC

This session will provide an overview of the NC Innovations Waiver and some of the recent changes with this program.

Open Questions - Presented by Gaston County Schools Dept. of Exceptional Children

Do you have questions for the staff of the Department of Exceptional Children but they don't line up with any of the topics above? If so, then this open questions session is for you.