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26TH ANNUAL DISABILITIES LAW CONFERENCE

WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE DAY ON BEHAVIOR



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December 5, 2018
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MAIN CONFERENCE

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ABOUT THE PRE-CONFERENCE DAY ON BEHAVIOR

The law pertaining to behaviorally-challenged students is ever-changing. NELI's Pre-Conference Day on Behavior will deliver training on some of the most critical issues regarding this complicated area. Experienced attorneys and behavior specialists will bring you up to speed on topics including writing effective PLAAFPs, BIPs and goals and objectives for behavior, protecting students and staff while addressing a dangerous student's educational needs, using ABA strategies to shape behavior, the when, what and how of response to intervention for behavior, and addressing discipline with the student with special needs.

Sign up for the pre-conference alone or register for both the main and pre-conferences to save \$35.00!

Who Should Attend

NELI conferences are open to all school personnel and anyone with an interest in the subject of school law. Whether you're in special education, general education, or school administration, the Pre-Conference Day on Behavior is ideal training for:

- Principals/Administrators
- School Psychologists
- Special Education Directors
- Related Service Providers
- Special Education Personnel
- Counselors
- Assistant Superintendents
- Teachers
- Educational Diagnosticians
- Charter School Personnel
- 504 Personnel
- DAEP Staff

* Each attendee will receive a packet of materials which includes a handout from each speaker.

NELI Products Bring the Training to You

NELI Folders

Each folder is designed to help educators keep track of the processes and procedures involved while tracking student progress and information. Folders available include:

- NEW Dyslexia Identification and Progress Monitoring Folders
- RTI Folders
- 504 Accountability Folders
- Student Accommodations Folders

NELI Desktop References

Choose from 3 new Desktop References! Each Desktop Reference is printed on both sides, laminated and puts the information you need at your fingertips. Our line of Desktop References includes:

- Section 504 Desktop Reference
- MDR for Special Education Desktop Reference
- Restraint & Timeout Desktop Reference

The General Educator's Guide to Accommodations DVD (Includes 10 Accommodations Folders)

This DVD's realistic scenarios make the concepts easy to understand and follow and will help teachers ensure they are in compliance with federal and state laws regarding accommodations.

* For more details on NELI products, go to www.nelilaw.net.

Pre-Conference Agenda Wednesday, December 5

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 Writing PLAAFPs, BIPs and Goals and Objectives for Behavior

Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

9:45 – 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 – 10:45 Dangerous Students: Protecting Students and Staff While Addressing the Student's Educational Needs

Denise Hays - Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.

10:45 – 11:30 Using ABA Strategies to Shape Behavior

Heather Hughes, Ph.D., BCBA – Eagle Mount Saginaw ISD

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 1:45 Addressing Discipline with the Student with Special Needs

William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

1:45 – 2:00 Afternoon Break

2:00 – 3:30 The When, What and How of Response to Intervention for Behavior: From Tier 1, In-Class Intervention to Tier 3, Intensive Student Support

Ann Hughes, Ph.D. - Sanger Independent School District

3:30 – 3:45 Question and Answer Forum

3:45 Adjourn

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ABOUT THE MAIN CONFERENCE

When you're in education, sometimes you have to think like a lawyer. A solid understanding of the laws governing special education will give you confidence in providing educational services to any child. Whether you're in general or special education, the 26th Annual Disabilities Law Conference is the ideal way to get up to speed on disabilities law. At the Main Conference, we will discuss timely subjects such as the district's child find obligations and addressing compensatory education under the Strategic Plan, a detailed look at the new accountability system, evaluating for dyslexia as part of the Full Individual Evaluation, and the top ten things not to say in an ARD.

Sign up for the main conference alone or register for both the main and pre-conferences to save \$35.00!

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- Special Education Directors
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- Special Education Personnel
- Superintendents
- Assistant Superintendents
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- Teachers
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11:30 - 1:00 Lunch On Your Own

1:00 – 1:30 The Top Ten Things an Educator Should Not Say in an ARD

William M. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

1:30 – 2:15 Private Nurses, Outside Therapists and Outside Evaluations: What are a District's Obligations?

Holly Boyd Wardell - Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C.

2:15 – 2:30 Afternoon Break

2:30 – 3:30 The Brave New World of Accountability: The New Accountability System Focuses on Progress, Encourages Building on Strengths ...and is Easy as 1-2-3!

John Fessenden - lead4ward

DAY ONE:

Thursday, December 6

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 The District's Child Find Obligations, Determining Specialized Instruction and Compensatory Education Under the Strategic Plan

Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

9:45 - 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 – 10:45 Life Skills, Social Behavioral Classes and Inclusion...The Continuum of Placements: Determining What Really is the Least Restrictive Environment for a Student

Jim Walsh – Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.

10:45 - 11:30 The Texas Workforce Commission, Community Resource Coordination Groups, Local Mental Health Authorities: Bringing Outside Agencies to the Table

Jamie Turner – Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.

Day Two:

Friday, December 7

8:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 Solving the Dyslexia Puzzle

Cynthia S. Buechler - Buechler & Associates, P.C.

9:30 – 11:00 Evaluating for Dyslexia as Part of the Full Individual Evaluation

Gail Cheramie, Ph.D. - University of Houston - Clear Lake

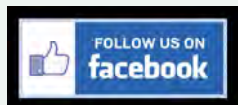
11:00 - 11:15 Morning Break

11:15 – 12:00 How to Develop an Effective IEP for Communication and Social Skills

Paula Roalson – Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C.

12:00 – 12:15 Question and Answer Forum

12:15 Adjourn



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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

CYNTHIA S. BUECHLER is a partner in the law firm of Buechler & Associates, P.C. Ms. Buechler served as a Hearings Examiner and Assistant General Counsel for the Texas Education Agency until 1987 and has since practiced school law exclusively. Ms. Buechler is a frequent speaker at in-service programs and law seminars and is director of the National Educators Law Institute.

WILLIAM M. BUECHLER is the managing partner at the law firm of Buechler & Associates, P.C. His practice emphasizes special education, Section 504, ADA, civil rights and employment and administrative law issues. Mr. Buechler frequently speaks at education law seminars and conferences at the state and national levels and is managing director of the National Educators Law Institute.

GAIL CHERAMIE, PH.D. is a licensed psychologist, LSSP, and nationally certified school psychologist, and is the director of the School Psychology program at the University of Houston–Clear Lake. Dr. Cheramie's areas of specialization are assessment for learning, development, and emotional-behavioral disorders.

JOHN FESSENDEN is an educational consultant at lead4ward who works with school districts, campuses and regional educational service centers in the areas of assessment, accountability and data analysis. Mr. Fessenden served as the Director of Accountability and Research for Del Valle Independent School District and an Education Specialist with ESC Region XIII. He is a frequent presenter on issues ranging from special education, to federal (AYP) and state (AEIS) accountability, Performance-Based Monitoring, and ARD Committee decision-making.

DENISE HAYS is a shareholder with the law firm of Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle in Austin. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Hays was a public school special education teacher, a staff attorney for TASB, and also served as a hearing officer for school boards in termination, nonrenewal, and grievance hearings.

ANN HUGHES, PH.D., is the Director of Student Intervention at Sanger ISD. With over 25 years experience as a teacher and administrator in alternative education settings, including DAEPs, juvenile correctional settings, and alternative schools, Dr. Hughes pro-

vides training related to positive behavioral interventions and supports and behavioral RTI.

HEATHER HUGHES, PH.D, BCBA is the director of special education at Eagle Mount Saginaw ISD and has over 20 years experience as an educational diagnostician, LSSP, and teacher. She serves on several advisory boards and teaches college courses on a variety of special education and autism topics. Dr. Hughes frequently presents at state, national and international conferences on a wide variety of topics.

PAULA MADDOX ROALSON is a shareholder with Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle in Houston. Ms. Roalson previously served as the staff attorney for special education for TASB. Her practice emphasizes the representation of school districts in special education litigation and general school law.

JAMIE TURNER is an attorney with the law firm of Walsh Gallegos Trevino Russo & Kyle P.C. and focuses her practice on special education and student matters. Prior to joining Walsh Gallegos, Jamie served public schools as in-house counsel for the Austin Independent School District, in private practice representing schools in general education matters, and as a special education administrator.

JIM WALSH is a co-founder and partner in the firm of Walsh, Gallegos, Treviño, Russo & Kyle, P.C. A highly sought-after speaker, Mr. Walsh has also authored several books on special education law and has taught school law at the graduate and/or undergraduate levels at Texas State, Baylor and St. Edward's. Mr. Walsh is a highly sought after speaker in Texas and throughout the nation.

HOLLY BOYD WARDELL is a shareholder in the firm of Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Mehl, P.C. in Austin. Ms. Wardell's practice focuses on whistleblower and civil rights cases including gender, race, national origin, and disability discrimination claims. She is a frequent guest speaker for school districts and has published numerous articles for state and firm publications on special education and other issues.

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ACCREDITATION

Earn up to 11.75 Hours of Continuing Education Credit! All attendees will receive a certificate at the end of each conference indicating they have earned Continuing Education Credit (7.25 hours for Main Conference, 4.5 hours for Pre-Conference). **Administrators, Teachers & Diagnosticians:** This program may meet the local criteria for up to 11.75 hours of school administrator's general management training, which is no longer governed by the Texas Education Agency. NELI has been approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) as a provider of continuing professional education (CPE) credit. **Counselors:** The conference sponsors are approved by the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education credit for licensed professional counselors. **School Board Members:** The conference sponsors are registered providers of school board member training with the Texas Education Agency. This program provides up to 11.75 hours of school board member training in the areas of Vision, Structure and Unity. **Psychologists:** The conference may be approved by the State Board of Examiners of Psychology for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education credit for psychologists. **Speech-Language Pathologists:** This conference may be approved by the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for up to 11.75 hours of continuing education for Speech-Language Pathologists.

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December 5, 2018
- 26th Annual Disabilities Law Conference**—\$260.00*
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* On-Site registration fee of \$195.00 for pre-conference and \$270.00 for main conference required after December 5, 2018. "The Works" pricing not available after December 5, 2018.

2. Attendee Information

Submit Separate Form For Each Attendee

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