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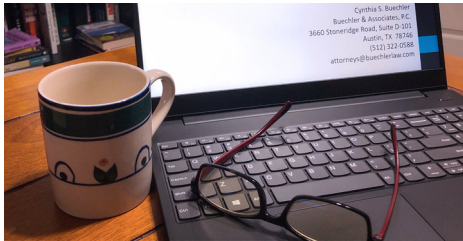
Live and
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The nuances and complexities of providing an appropriate education for students on the spectrum requires continuous training. During the 30th Annual Autism & Disabilities Conference for Educators, you will receive invaluable information on critical issues, including making a differential diagnosis for autism, how to develop a strong team and work collaboratively for a student with autism, effective programming to address common difficulties for students with autism, working on pragmatics to improve communication skills, and a look at the top legal cases and their impact for future planning. Join us online for this exciting and informative conference, led by experienced school attorneys, BCBA's and renowned educational specialists.

ONLINE LEARNING



All topics for this Conference will be Online!

We will have a combination of On Demand Webinars and Live Training Webinars to cover all topics. Attend the **Live Webinars on March 6** or watch the recorded versions at your convenience!

Recorded versions of all topics (including Live Webinars) will be available for viewing through April 6, 2024

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- **"A Year in Review": A Look at the Legal Cases and their Impact for Future Planning**
(Live March 6 @ 10 a.m. cst)
Cynthia Buechler, Attorney
Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- **"Is it Social Awkwardness, a Social Impairment or Characteristics of Autism?": Making a Differential Diagnosis for Autism**
(Live March 6 @ 2 p.m. cst)
Gail Cheramie, Ph.D.
Educational Consultant
- **"Seeing the Child's Education from Two Perspectives - Mother and Educator": How to Develop a Strong Team and Work Collaboratively for a Student with Autism**
(Recorded)
Mara Wenzel, M.A. LSSP
IDEA Public Schools
- **"Hitting, Kicking and Threatening, Oh My!": Strategies to Deal with High Levels of Physical and Verbal Aggression when the Student is on the Spectrum**
(Recorded)
Dr. Heather Hughes, Ph.D., BCBA
Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD
- **Effective Programming to Address Common Difficulties for Students with Autism in the General Education Classroom**
(Recorded)
Nancy Kling, M.A.
Behavior Plus, Inc.
- **"Was that Sarcasm?": Working on Pragmatics to Improve Communication Skills**
(Recorded)
Julie Ray Roberts, Ph.D., BCBA
Magnolia ISD

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

NELI conferences are open to all school personnel and anyone with an interest in the subject of disabilities law and instruction. Whether you're in special education, general education, or school administration, this conference is ideal training for:

- Special Education Directors
- Special Education Department Chairs
- Principals/Administrators
- Superintendents
- LSSPs
- Educational Diagnosticians
- Teachers
- CBAs
- Special Education Personnel
- General Education Personnel
- Counselors
- Behavior Specialists
- Parents
- Charter School Personnel
- Related Services Personnel

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

CYNTHIA S. BUECHLER, J.D., 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 and has practiced school law exclusively for over 35 years. Ms. Buechler is a frequent speaker at in-service programs and law seminars nationwide and is director of the National Educators Law Institute.

GAIL CHERAMIE, PH.D., is a licensed psychologist, LSSP, and nationally certified school psychologist, and was Director of the School Psychology program at the University of Houston–Clear Lake for over 30 years. Dr. Cheramie's areas of specialization are assessment for learning, development, and emotional-behavioral disorders and currently consults with school districts throughout Texas on matters related to evaluation, identification and educational programming for students with developmental, learning and behavioral disorders.

HEATHER HUGHES, PH.D, BCBA, is the executive director of special programs at Eagle Mountain 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.

NANCY KLING, M.A., has worked with challenging behaviors for over 30 years. Before retiring from public schools, she served as a Behavior Specialist, Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, and administrator in special education. In 2004, she became the Founder and Director of Behavior Plus, Inc. She and her team of education professionals provide social skills groups, parent workshops, behavioral consultation, classroom consultation, and staff development. She is the author/illustrator of *The Cup Kid: Parenting a Child with Meltdowns* and *I'm a Cup Kid: The Workbook* and a frequent presenter to parents and educators at conferences on the national, state, and local levels.

JULIE RAY ROBERTS, Ph.D., BCBA, has worked in the field of autism for over 20 years. Trained as a Speech-Language Pathologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, she serves students in Magnolia ISD as an SLP, and consults with families and professionals through JRR Consulting. Dr. Roberts brings a broad range of knowledge and experience having worked in public schools, academia, private practice, and the EdTech industry. Her areas of specialization are augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), nonverbal learners, and educational technology.

MARA WENZEL, M.A. LSSP brings over 15 years experience in the education field and is the parent of a child with autism. She brings the combined perspective of an educator and parent when developing educational programs. Ms. Wenzel has worked at IDEA Public Schools and McAllen ISD and is currently the Lead School Psychologist for IDEA Public Schools - Upper Valley. She is committed to ensuring a high quality education is provided to every student she works with and believes in a collaborative and holistic approach to identifying student needs and finding the best possible solutions.

NELI ON DEMAND

Continuing Education Made Simple!

Our On Demand Trainings are designed to provide easy access to training on various education related topics. Each On Demand Webinar is pre-recorded and can be watched at your leisure. Each provides one hour of continuing education training...you can even download a certificate of attendance from within the training!

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REGISTRATION

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Mail! 3660 Stoneridge Road, Suite D-101 · Austin, TX 78746 **Online!** www.nelilaw.net

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Pre-Registration — \$195.00

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