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31ST ANNUAL
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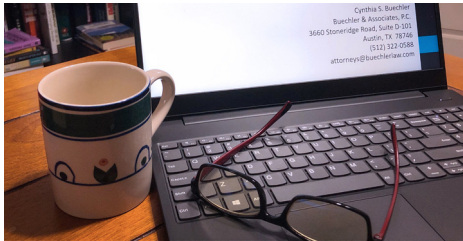
On Demand and
Live Webinar Training

31ST Annual Autism & Disabilities Conference

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The nuances and complexities of providing an appropriate education for students on the spectrum requires continuous training. During the 31st Annual Autism & Disabilities Conference for Educators, you will receive invaluable information on critical issues, including a review of autism-related legal cases in 2024, students with autism and their interactions with law enforcement, providing social skills in a way that actually works, effectively evaluating for co-morbid eligibilities, and a discussion with young adults with autism and their parents on what has worked for them at school. Join us online for this exciting and informative conference, led by experienced school attorneys, BCBAs 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 April 10** or watch the recorded versions at your convenience!

Recorded versions of all topics (including Live Webinars) will be available for viewing through May 31, 2025

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- **"2024 in the Rearview Mirror": A Legal Update of the Cases that Involved Autism**
(Live April 10 @ 10 a.m. cst)
Cynthia Buechler, Attorney
Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- **"You're Under Arrest!": Students with Autism and Their Interactions with Law Enforcement**
(Live April 10 @ 2 p.m. cst)
Dr. Ann Hughes, Ph.D.
Sanger ISD
- **"His Behavior is So Extreme, It is Unsafe for Him to Be at School": Providing FAPE to a Student with Significant Behaviors**
(Recorded)
Dr. Heather Hughes, Ph.D., BCBA
Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD
- **"He Doesn't Have Any Friends!": Providing Social Skills in a Way that Actually Works**
(Recorded)
Audra Hastings, BCBA
Educational Consultant
- **"From Their Perspective": Young Adults with Autism and Their Parents Share What Has and Has Not Worked at School**
(Recorded)
Dr. Ann Hughes, Ph.D. (and a Panel of Students and Parents)
Sanger ISD
- **"Can a Student Have Autism and Also be Emotionally Disabled?": Effectively Evaluating for Co-Morbid Eligibilities**
(Recorded)
Dr. Gail Cheramie, Ph.D.
Educational Consultant

*The legal information provided at this conference is for general purposes only. It is not intended as a substitute for individual legal advice or the provision of legal services. Accessing this information does not create an attorney-client relationship. Individual legal situations vary greatly and attendees should consult directly with an attorney.



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ONLINE TRAINING • LIVE AND ON DEMAND WEBINARS

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
- BCBA's
- 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 and has authored numerous school law publications.

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, autism, 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.

AUDRA HASTINGS, BCBA, is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, with over 30 years of experience in public education. Areas of specialization include professional development for all things behavior, behavior support and coaching, conducting functional behavior assessments, and writing behavior intervention plans. She has worked with numerous districts, including Austin ISD and Tyler ISD and was a Special Education Specialist for Region 7 Education Service Center.

ANN HUGHES, PH.D., is the Director of Student Intervention at Sanger ISD. With 39 years experience as a teacher and administrator in alternative education settings, including DAEPs, juvenile correctional settings, and alternative schools, Dr. Hughes provides training related to positive behavioral interventions and supports and behavioral RTI.

HEATHER HUGHES, PH.D, BCBA, is the executive director of special programs at Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD and has over 35 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.

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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ACCREDITATION

All attendees will receive a certificate at the end of the conference indicating they have earned 4.5 hours of Continuing Education Credit. **Counselors:** The conference sponsors have applied to the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors for 4.5 hours of continuing education credit for licensed professional counselors. **Administrators, Teachers & Diagnosticians:** This program may meet the local criteria for 4.5 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 of Educator Certification (SBEC) as a provider of continuing professional education (CPE) credit. **School Board Members:** The conference sponsors are registered providers of school board member training with the Texas Education Agency. This program provides 4.5 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 4.5 hours of continuing education credit for psychologists. **Speech-Language Pathologists:** The conference sponsors have applied to the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for 4.5 hours of continuing education for Speech-Language Pathologists.



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REGISTRATION

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*To register multiple individuals, please submit a separate form for each attendee.

Ways to Register:

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

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E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Registration Fees:

Pre-Registration — \$195.00

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Cancellation Policy—Please Read! Cancellations will only be accepted up to April 9, 2025. Substitution of attendees is allowed at any time, up to and including the day of the conference. Registrants not able to attend may transfer to any other NELI conference within one year.