



NATIONAL EDUCATORS LAW INSTITUTE

32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
AUTISM & DISABILITIES  
CONFERENCE



IT TAKES A VILLAGE:  
COLLABORATIVELY WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR A STUDENT'S SUCCESS

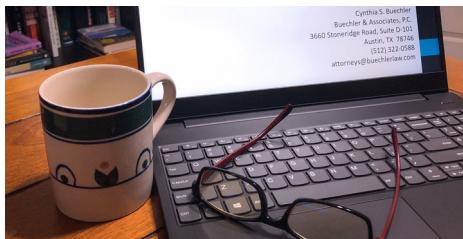
On Demand and  
Live Webinar Training

# 32<sup>ND</sup> 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Autism & Disabilities Conference for Educators, you will receive invaluable information on critical issues, including a review of autism-related legal cases in 2025, how to work collaboratively with parents, the necessity of teaching a student to understand social cues to navigate effective interactions, what a school can do when a behavior is related to the disability, and how to ensure your assessment is able to capture the student's needs. Join us online for this exciting and informative conference, led by experienced school attorneys, BCBAAs 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 26** or watch the recorded versions at your convenience!

**Recorded versions of all topics (including Live Webinars) will be available for viewing through December 31, 2026**

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

- **"He Can't Help His Behavior, He Has Autism!": What a School Can do When a Behavior is Related to the Disability**  
**(Live March 26 @ 10 a.m. cst)**  
Cynthia Buechler, Attorney  
Buechler & Associates, P.C.
- **"From the Mouths of Babes": Students Reveal What Strategies Worked with Them and What Didn't**  
**(Live March 26 @ 2 p.m. cst)**  
Dr. Ann Hughes, Ph.D., and Her Students  
Sanger ISD
- **"Beyond One Size Fits All": Ensuring Your Assessment is Able to Capture the Student's Needs**  
**(Recorded)**  
Dr. Gail Cheramie, Ph.D.  
Educational Consultant
- **"Are the Services Coordinated by Stakeholders?": An Attorney who is a Parent Provides Insight as to How to Work Collaboratively with Parents Even When a Parent May be Challenging**  
**(Recorded)**  
Jennifer Swanson, Attorney  
Swanson Law, PLLC
- **"Will You Be My Friend?": The Necessity of Teaching a Student to Understand Social Cues to Navigate Effective Interactions**  
**(Recorded)**  
Dr. Heather Hughes, Ph.D., BCBA  
Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD
- **"The Year in Review": The Most Interesting Cases from the Past Year**  
**(Recorded)**  
William Buechler, Attorney  
Buechler & Associates, P.C.

\*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
- BCBAs
- 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.

**WILLIAM M. BUECHLER, J.D.** 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 he serves as managing 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, 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.

**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.

**JENNIFER SWANSON, J.D.**, is the managing attorney at Swanson Law, PLLC. Her practice is devoted to representing families of children with support needs attending Texas Public Schools. Ms. Swanson brings a decade of special education teaching experience as a solid base for her legal expertise and is the mother of two little boys under the age of 3.

## 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!

**Visit us at online at [www.nelilaw.net](http://www.nelilaw.net) for complete information on our NELI On Demand Trainings**

## 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:

**Online!** [www.nelilaw.net](http://www.nelilaw.net)    **E-mail!** [edservices@nelilaw.net](mailto:edservices@nelilaw.net)    **Call!** (512) 732-2988

**Mail!** 3660 Stoneridge Road, Suite D-101 · Austin, TX 78746    **Fax!** (512) 322-9342

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Co-op: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Billing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fees:

Pre-Registration — \$210.00

#### Payment:

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- Check ( Enclosed  Mailing Separately)
- Purchase Order ( Enclosed  Mailing Separately)
- Invoice Me (Attn: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Credit Card (Please call NELI at 512-732-2988)

**Cancellation Policy—Please Read!**: Cancellations will only be accepted up to March 25, 2026. 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.