



# PRESENTS



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# CONVENTION 2012

## February 24 & 25

## Riverside Convention Center

## Riverside, CA

#### Community of Practice Presenters:

- Larry Robbin
- Christine Suh
- Richard Rosenberg
- Bryon MacDonald
- Diana Blackmon
- Sharen Bertrando
- Laura Simmons-Martinez
- Sue Sawyer & Vicki Shadd
- Rachel Stewart
- GeGe Drozen
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- Outstanding Networking
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- Offering a New Transition Strand in partnership with the Community of Practice on Transition and more!

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Session I 8:30 – 10:00	Session II 10:15 – 11:45	Session III 1:30 – 3:00	Session IV 4:00 – 5:30
101 "Google, BookRix and Prezi, Oh My!" GeGe Drozen	201 "Making Math Memorable" Sierra Ruiz & Collett Stanger	301 "National Board Certification" Stacy Begin	401 "Empower Yourself Using Your Union; Advocating for Special Education..." Stacy Begin
102 "New Teacher Collaboration" Billy Hanna	202 "Simple Checklists May Unite Educators to Improve Student Behavior..." Kandis Lighthall	302 "Teaching and Supporting Organizational Skills; MS/ HS" Patty Schetter	402 "Teaching and Supporting Organizational Skills; Elementary Level" Patty Schetter
103 "IEP A – Z" Dee Torrington CARS+ Board	203 "Reading Fluency and Comprehension Skills: Read Naturally" Susan Shallenberger	303 "Q & A" Janny Latno & Randi Barrat	403 Grant Winner 2010 "TBA" Jennifer Wilson
104 "So You Have a Transition Plan in the IEP, Now What?" Diana Blackmon	204 CoP – Session "Community of Practice" Richard Rosenberg	304 CoP – Session "Are You Talking Like Business People Think?" Larry Robbin	404 CoP – Session "Youth Transition Toolkit & Lesson Plans" Rachel Stewart
105 / 205 CoP – Session "Transition & the Common Core Standards Map" Sharen Bertrando		305 Exhibitor Session TBA	405 "Bringing Your Transition IEPs into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century" GeGe Drozen
106 / 206 "Quirky, Yes, Hopeless No" And Making Friends Dr. Cynthia Norall		306 Exhibitor Session TBA	406 "Building and Creating a Student Focused and Highly Effective Learning Center" Darcy Thompson
107 / 207 "Best Practices in Writing and Implementing Legally Defensible Behavior Support Plans" Dr. Ramon Barreras & Litzy Ruiz		307 Exhibitor Session TBA	407 "Technology in Education" George Cheung
108 / 208 "Legal Issues in Special Education Reform" Tom Green		308 Exhibitor Session TBA	408 "Powerful Reading Interventions – (Gr. 2-5)" Mary Peterson
109 / 209 "This is so Easy!" (The ATS and 5 Paragraph Essay) Elizabeth Bremner		309 Exhibitor Session TBA	409 "Behavior Management" J. Mouanotoua & T. Winrow
110 / 210 "10 Creative Ideas to Make Special Education Even Better" Bob Barboza		310 Exhibitor Session TBA	410 "The Best of Co-operative Play" TJ Zmucki

**Preliminary  
Workshops at a Glance  
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Session V 8:30 – 10:00	Session VI 10:15 – 11:45	Session VII 2:00 – 3:30
501 "Special Education Bargaining Issues" Dee Torrington & Joyce Childs CARS+ Board	601 Exhibitor Session TBA	701 "Making Math Memorable" Sierra Ruiz & Collett Stanger (repeat)
502 "Implementing Evidence Based Practices for Middle and High School Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder" Patty Schetter	602 Exhibitor Session TBA	702 "Empowering Educators to Increase Social Understanding & Competence for Their Students Using Interactive Visual Strategies" Kandis Lighthall
503 "Fact Mastery Made Simple" (Grades 2-5) Mary Peterson	603 Exhibitor Session TBA	703 "Understanding Special Education Law: Impact and Implications for Classroom Teachers" Ellen Gervase
504 "Reading Fluency and Comprehension Skills: Read Naturally" Susan Shallenberger (repeat)	604 Exhibitor Session TBA	704 "Building and Creating a Student Focused and Highly Effective Learning Center" Darcy Thompson (repeat)
505 "Professional Development for Novice Special Education Teachers: 15 Effective Strategies for a Successful School Year" Dr. Nilsa J. Thorsos, Eric Medrano and Jan Wadsworth-Jones	605 Exhibitor Session TBA	705 "Instructional Strategies for Teaching Literacy to Struggling Readers in the Content Areas" Darylene Williams
506 CoP – Session "Assistive Technology – Tools for Transition" Laura Simmons-Martinez	606 CoP – Session "DB 101 – Real Time Information" Bryon MacDonald	706 CoP – Session "The Heart of Transition" Vicki Shadd and Sue Sawyer
507 / 607 CoP – Session "Tools for Developing a Comprehensive Transition Plan" Christine Suh		707 "So You Have a Transition Plan in the IEP, Now What?" Diana Blackmon (repeat)
508 / 608 "If It Isn't Written Down, It Didn't Happen" Kathleen Whelan-Gioia		708 "What is Bullying?" Tina Winrow & Linda Nimer
509 / 609 "Teaching Effective Multisensory Writing Strategies" Litzy Ruiz & Dr. Ramon Barreras		709 "Conducting Gold Standard IEP Meetings" Craig Bartholio
510 / 610 "Response to Intervention (IDEA 2004)...How to make it work in a shrinking economy" Gail Lancaster		710 "How to Implement ELD for Students with Disabilities" Sharen Bertrando & Marion Miller