

Remember the 2013 State Conference

"Providing the Umbrella for Student Success" was the theme for the Annual State MOSPA Conference held May 8-10, 2013 at The Inn at Bay Harbor. Everyone welcomed back attorney Jeanne Kincaid as keynote speaker. Jeanne's topic, Moving On: Meaningful Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities focused on the legal rights of a student with an IEP. Ms. Kincaid updated participants as to how the courts are interpreting the laws so that they might prepare the students for their career and/or educational adventure. Jeanne Kincaid opened the floor for a question and answer session immediately following the keynote address. In addition, there were several other individualized breakout sessions for participants to choose from throughout the course of the conference:

Michigan Secondary CTE Special Populations: How Are We Doing?

Presenters will share the data on special pops achievement of federal Core Performance Indicators and explore "performance gaps" of sub groups. Participants will engage in a discussion of strategies and promising practices to support the low performing groups and increase their achievement.

Increasing Capacity from the Inside Out*

Strengthening your inner core in order to better serve the student population. Explore the purpose and motivation that drives work, the values that guide interactions, the tensions that put strain on effectiveness.

Progressive Student Responsibility Model: A Road Map for Student Success

The Progressive Student Responsibility Model (PSRM) aims to develop independent students who are able to set goals and navigate the necessary steps to achieve success. With the integration of the Developmental Advising model and the Appreciative Advising model, the end result is a tool that can be applied to all areas of student engagement, helping to provide students with a consistent approach and clear expectations.

Helping to Put Together the Pieces – Students with ASD

The number of students identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is on the rise in all educational settings. Students with ASD present a variety of specific learning and behavioral needs. Explore strategies designed to help put the puzzle pieces of ASD together so students can achieve educational and occupational success.

Career and Technical Education: Changing the Lives of Students

Paul Galbenski, 2012 Michigan teacher of the year, comes to us from the Oakland School District. Paul is the first teacher from Career and Technical Education (CTE) to ever be recognized as teacher of the year. Paul shares how career and technical education is a major part of the educational puzzle. Paul spoke about how CTE is transforming student's lives and driving American competitiveness.

Serving the Undocumented Student: A Legal Perspective Sagamores

An overview of immigration issues faced by noncitizen students which included a brief discussion about the general noncitizen student classifications (F-1 students, M-1 vocational students, and J-1 exchange visitors), but the focus of the discussion was on problems faced by out of status and undocumented students. Specifically, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, the proposed DREAM Act, and general issues affecting the undocumented student.

Project SEARCH: School Transition Employment Model

Project SEARCH is a school-to-work program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students in their last year of school are trained in a real-life work environment while also learning employability and independent life skills. The program takes place entirely in the workplace and

fosters collaboration between business, vocational rehabilitation, disability services agencies, and education. There are over 200 Project SEARCH sites in 40 states as well as several countries.

Beyond the Brochure – Recruitment of Non-Traditional Students

A panel presented an audience-based discussion on creative ways to recruit students into non-traditional programs.

The Michigan Career and Technical Institute – Who We Are and What We Do

The Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) conducts vocational and technical training programs and provides the supportive services needed to prepare Michigan citizens with disabilities for competitive employment. This session provided information about services offered, how to access services through Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), and answer questions about daily operations.

The Delta Project: College Prep Program

An innovative College Prep Program designed to help students with disabilities prepare for, and be successful, at Delta College. Curriculum and handouts were given to conference attendees.

Modification vs. Accommodation –Sharing Ideas to Effectively Prepare Students for Further Training or Education After High School

Secondary and Post-Secondary views on effective preparation for the next education or training stage in students' lives were discussed. A look at what IDEA legislation requires for K-12 education and how it differs at the Post-Secondary level under ADA and 504. Participants discussed barriers encountered in both settings and suggestions for what works will be offered by those attending.

Assist, But How to Not Enable: Tips and Tricks for the Para-Professional

Effective Techniques was presented to promote an increase in student independent, social and academic skills. Evidence-based strategies that can be immediately implemented with students was the focus.

Know your strengths: Improve your Relationships

Everybody is born with natural strengths or personality qualities that allow him or her to excel in life. What are your strengths? Learn how to discover your strengths and live a more productive life through using strengths.