



October 5, 2013

Nova Southeastern University,
Davie, FL (Alvin Sherman
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Seminars for Parents!

10:00am-11:30am
Room 4009

Writing - Making it Fun and Easy

Presenters: Scott Marfilus and Kelly Fonner

Children are not getting daily opportunities to know-how with the real writing experience. There is a growing number of tools in assistive technology which provide options for writing through letters, whole words, sentence builders, story makers, and several pictures to text options. Come see a wide variety of low-tech and software-based examples of what writing can look like from kindergarten to high school. We'll address multiple levels of support and walk you through the process of creating structures to support writing.

11:45am to 1:15pm
Room 2053

S.T.O.P. and Relax ©

Presenter: Dr. Debra Collins

Does your child have outbursts of nervousness, crying or temper? S.T.O.P. and Relax© is a unique program that helps children practice and master self-calming skills through yoga-based exercises.

These essential skills enable a child to overcome the stress that causes anxiety, agitation, and "meltdowns." The child who can remain calm or quickly regain composure is much more able to participant in learning and in social interaction and manage test anxiety. Parents will take home a DVD of a 10-minute lesson to use at home, along with a simple method to track your child's progress over two weeks.

The DisAbilities Expo Main Event!

This event provides an amazing opportunity to have fun and also learn about services, resources, products and information for persons of all ages with any disability! Saturday's Main Event is FREE and open to the public! Time: 10am-4pm

Bios of presenters:

Dr. Deborah Collins is one of the authors of S.T.O.P. AND Relax ©. A school psychologist and licensed psychologist, Dr. Collins has provided assessment, consultation and training for the Broward County Public Schools since 1989. As an adjunct professor, she has taught psychology at Bermuda College and Broward College. Dr. Collins has conducted multiple presentations for national conferences, including Learning & The Brain and the Autism Society of America.

Kelly Fonner, MS is a self-employed consultant and trainer in assistive and educational technology. She has a BS in Special Education from Millersville University and an MS in Educational Technology with emphasis in Rehabilitation/Special Education Technology from The Johns Hopkins University. Her continuing education and research has been in the area of Adult Education and Special Education Technology at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. She holds an Assistive Technology Applications Certificate of Learning from California State University - Northridge. Kelly has been a teacher, para-educator, instructional media specialist, assistive technology specialist and is currently a self-employed consultant in assistive and educational technology. She has worked for a statewide AT project and has been an instructor in university courses on AT. Since 1986 Kelly has presented at schools, conferences, & to families in 46 states and internationally in Australia, Canada and South Africa. She speaks on a wide range of topics including augmentative communication, computer access, electronic literacy, study skills, assistive technology assessment and implementation strategies. Each year, she works with approximately 50 school-based teams supporting students and the implementation of AAC & electronic literacy implementation in the classroom. Kelly is also the daughter of a person with an acquired physical disability, the sister-in-law of a woman with cerebral palsy, and the cousin of individuals with a teenager with Aspergers. She is available to do seminars, webinars, consultations and workshops. Her website is www.kellyfonner.com.

Scott Marfilus has been working with individuals with disabilities for the past 26 years. The past 20 years has involved implementing assistive technology at various levels. Scott continues to assist teams and individuals in assessing students assistive technology needs. His teaching certifications are in Early Childhood Handicap, Cognitive Disabilities, Emotional Disabilities, and Learning Disabilities. His M.A. is in Curriculum and Instruction. Scott also works with universities and has assisted in reorganizing their curriculum to infuse technology throughout the teacher preparation experience. He also consults with individuals and businesses to determine adaptations that are needed in workplace settings. He teaches in the CSUN Assistive Technology Applications Certificate Program and holds an ATACP certificate of learning from CSUN. Scott's focus areas in assistive technology include computer access, and technologies that assist those with cognitive and learning disabilities.

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