



Massachusetts

# Administrators for Special Education



## ASE Fall Statewide Conference Program

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Hogan Center, The College of the Holy Cross Worcester, MA

**Conference Theme: *Launching Another New School Year***

***The Special Education Administrative Role:***

***Participating in the Leadership of District Efforts to Fulfill the Promise of Education To All Students***

*We encourage early Registration! Space is limited! **Registration will close October 20, 2011.** Each person attending the conference must have a completed registration form to ASE at the time of registration. Please send completed conference registration forms to ASE- fax 617-354-4926.*

Registration  
7:45AM-8:45AM

Program  
9:00AM-3:00PM

### Featuring Massachusetts Keynote Speaker:

John D'Auria, Ed.D.

President, Teachers 21, Author and Leadership Consultant

***Building and Supporting Positive School Cultures- The Lynchpin of Continual Improvement***

***Joining in the Effort and the Opportunity: Nurturing, Respecting, Educating All School Members***

***\*\*\*\*\*5 Steps to a Successful New Beginning\*\*\*\*\****

### Announcing: A Massachusetts Interagency Panel Presentation with State Leaders

#### The Massachusetts Interagency Effort

*The Here and Now- Working Toward a More Integrated Service Delivery System and Improved Partnerships to Better Serve the Commonwealth's Students with Complex Needs*

A Discussion on What Matters, Why it Matters, and What is Needed to

Advance Interagency Partnerships to Improve Student Outcomes

**Panel: Department of Children and Families**, Robert Wentworth, Assistant Commissioner of Planning & Program Development; **Department of Mental Health**, Joan Mikula, Assistant Commissioner of Child & Adolescent Services; **Department of Elementary & Secondary Education**, Marcia Mitnacht, State Special Education Director; **Children's Behavioral Health Initiative**, Emily Sherwood, Director, CBHI Interagency Initiatives @ EOHHS

### Break Out Sessions

#### *Managing Entitlements and Eligibility in the Team Process:*

#### *Defining School and Agency Responsibilities in Complex Cases*

**Session Focus:** This session will review the Legal and Clinical Perspectives in understanding school and interagency connections and protocols for best school practices.

**Presenters:** Attorney Mary Joann Reedy, MLM, Counsel to Schools and Counsel to ASE Association

Paul M. Rosen, Ph. D., Clinical Psychologist, Dir. Clinical Services Central MA, Consultant to Schools, Expert Witness to Schools/Special Education, Associate in Psychiatry UMass Medical, Instructor, Graduate School, Assumption College

#### *MA Bureau of Special Education Appeals: Current Updates and Trends*

**Session Focus:** This session will provide participants with an update and trends specific to recent Massachusetts BSEA Hearings.

Additionally, strategies and techniques for presenting essential information at hearings and pre-hearing conferences will be discussed.

**Presenter:** Lindsey Byrne, Esq., Hearing Officer, Massachusetts BSEA

#### *CAST: The National & Massachusetts Leader for Universal Design for Learning (UDL)*

***More Than Ever Massachusetts Schools need new, innovative research-based approaches to Teaching ALL Students***

**Session Focus:** This session will focus on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and guiding principles, highlighting connections to MA

ESE Department & MA educators. Relevant research specific to UDL will be presented including highlights to IDEA & NCLB/ESEA.

Additionally, resources available to LEA's e.g.; NIMAS & AIM will be reviewed. Discussion will include strategies and techniques for building district level capacity to educate All Students in the least restrictive environment.

**Presenter:** Peggy Coyne Ed.D, CAST, Research and Professional Development; Massachusetts & National Speaker / Consultant on UDL Implementation /Instructional Practice

*On behalf of the ASE Executive Board, we look forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 27, 2011*

Dr. Ann Caretti, President

Carla B. Jentz, Executive Director