



STAR NET Region VI

Workshop/Webinar Catalogue

July, 2016 – December, 2016

PLEASE READ!!!!

Hello to our friends in STAR NET Region VI

We will be adding additional workshops and webinars throughout the year, so please keep checking our website at www.swcccase.org/starnet. If you are on our mailing list and have provided us with an e-mail address we will be sending e-mail updates when new workshops/webinars are added. We do not want you to miss out on any of our offerings.

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You now have the option of registering for our workshops/webinars on-line! Please read the registration instructions on Page 18.

We look forward to another great year with you. Please contact us if you have any questions.




Marlene Christ,
STAR NET Region VI Project Director



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Workshop Catalogue

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DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP/WEBINAR TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
7/11/16	8:30 – 11:30	Morning At The Movies: Moving Past Praise Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1Tey1VG	Becky Handler Nancy Pufahl	Southwest Cooperative
7/20/16	9:30 – 11:00 	DIY: Let's Build Great Relationships...Practices That Will Prevent Challenging Behavior Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1UhOr4F	Sheila Bauer	Webinar
8/3/16	8:30 – 11:30	Little Learners, Big Monsters! Afraid, Worried, Anxious – A Closer Look Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1VT7LH2	Becky Handler Sheila Bauer	Southwest Cooperative
8/29/16	3:30 – 5:00 	Related Services: Therapy Belongs In The Classroom NOT The Broom Closet Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1WUwGsF	Becky Handler	Webinar
9/20/16	8:30 – 2:30	Introduction To The Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Revised (ECERS-R) Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1SML1V7	Nancy Pufahl Becky Handler	Southwest Cooperative
9/26/16	8:00 – 9:30 	Autism 101 For The Para Professional Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1SMLSVP	Becky Handler Nancy Pufahl	Webinar
10/5/16 & 10/17/16	8:30 – 3:30	The Foundation of The Creative Curriculum For Preschool Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/245NKSb	Becky Handler	Southwest Cooperative

DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP/WEBINAR TITLE	PRESENTER	LOCATION
10/21/16	8:30 – 2:30	Early Childhood Outcomes Process: From Validity To Data To Program Improvement Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1QCQZDw	Marlene Christ	Southwest Cooperative
10/25/16	9:00 – 3:00	Social Skills and Supports for Young Children with Autism and Related Disabilities Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1SMR24k	Peg Mazeika	Double Tree Hotel - Alsip
10/28/16	8:30 – 2:30	Building Bridges: The Transition Process From Early Intervention To Early Childhood Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/245QLlx	Marlene Christ Sheila Bauer Keena Sims Karen Withgott	Southwest Cooperative
11/1/16 & 11/15/16	8:30 – 3:30	Teaching Strategies GOLD On-Line Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1rkQaeb	Becky Handler	Southwest Cooperative
11/3/16	8:30 – 2:30	The Impact of Stress and Trauma In Young Children and Families Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1ND3Jiv	Dr. Sucheta Connolly	UCP Sequin of Greater Chicago – Infinitec Services
11/8/16 (Webinar) 11/29/16 (Workshop)	3:30 – 5:00  8:30 – 3:30	Introduction To Portfolio Collection Developing and Using Child Portfolios In Preschool Settings Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1QCWbaB	Becky Handler	Southwest Cooperative
12/5/16 & 2/22/17	8:30 – 2:30	Building Social-Emotional Competence: A Pyramid Model Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/1sh2qwR	Sheila Bauer	Southwest Cooperative
12/6/16	3:30 – 5:00 	Supporting Preschool Transitions: Tips For The Para Professional Register On-Line: http://conta.cc/26xnBub	Nancy Pufahl Becky Handler	Webinar



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Morning At The Movies: Moving Past Praise

Date: July 11, 2016

Presenters: Becky Handler and Nancy Pufahl

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 AM. The workshop starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 11:30 AM. Contact Hours: 3.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1Tey1VG>

About This Workshop

During this morning session, we will watch two videos that take a look at why encouragement is more effective than praise in improving young children's self-esteem. Our goal for children should be to develop a motivational framework without the dependency of praise. After watching the videos we will have a discussion on the topic and will look at three research-based strategies that can easily be implemented at home and school.

Learning Level: I

Continuing Education – This training will provide 2.5 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE
- CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals
- Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (A) Human Growth & Development

**Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.
The workshop is limited to 40 participants.**



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: DIY: Let's Build Great Relationships...Practices That Will Prevent Challenging Behavior

Date: July 20, 2016

Presenter: Sheila Bauer

Location: Webinar

Time: Check in begins at 9:00 AM. The webinar starts at 9:30 AM and continues to 11:00 AM. Contact Hours: 1.5

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1UhOr4F>

About This Webinar

Everyone struggles with children's challenging behavior. By implementing a proven model and formidable techniques, participants can minimize those behaviors from occurring as this workshop examines deeper development of the first tier of the Pyramid Model. Tier I, Nurturing and Responsive Relationships, includes preparation, skills and prevention strategies to build within ourselves and our programs centered on key components to developing children's most significant relationships between professionals, professionals to children and children's peer relations will be discussed. Tools for building supportive relationships at every level are provided to enhance the learning environment.

Learning Level: 1

Continuing Education – This training will provide 1.5 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE
- CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals
- Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (E) Interactions, Relationships & Environment

Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants.



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Little Learners, Big Monsters! Afraid, Worried, Anxious – A Closer Look

Date: August 3, 2016

Presenters: Sheila Bauer and Becky Handler

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 AM. The webinar starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 11:30 AM. Contact Hours: 3.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1VT7LH2>

About This Workshop

Due to overwhelming demand for more information; this workshop will continue to explore how young children can experience a range of monster emotions. We will discuss and practice several techniques that have been successful in helping young children manage their anxious feelings. We will investigate supports for teacher's understanding of this challenging behavior and address common parenting dilemmas related to their anxious fearful children. Participants will leave with a new perspective on dealing with these emotions and a special calming Make It Take It to use in the classroom and home. This will be an inspirational three hour workshop!

Learning Level: I

Continuing Education – This training will provide 3.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- ***Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- ***CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- ***Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (E) Interactions, Relationships & Environment***

Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants.



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STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Related Services: Therapy Belongs In the Classroom NOT the Broom Closet

Presenter: Becky Handler

Date: August 29, 2016

Location: Webinar

Time: Check in begins at 3:00 PM. The webinar starts at 3:30 PM and continues to 5:00 PM. Contact Hours: 1.5

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1WUwGsF>

About This Webinar

This webinar will examine what it means to do integrated therapy in an early childhood setting and why it really is best for all children. We will discuss how to get started and what therapy might look like. The importance of communication and teamwork in order to provide optimal support for all children will be discussed.

Learning Level: 1

Continuing Education – This training will provide 1.5 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- ***Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- ***CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- ***Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (D) Curriculum or Program Design***

Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants.



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STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Introduction To The Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Revised (ECERS-R)

Presenters: Nancy Pufahl and Becky Handler

Date: September 20, 2016

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 AM. The workshop starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 2:30 PM. Contact Hours: 5.0

[Register on-line: http://conta.cc/1SML1V7](http://conta.cc/1SML1V7)

This workshop is offered in collaboration with the Early Childhood Center of Professional Development

About This Workshop

Participants will discuss the basic knowledge about the ECERS-R tool, a research-based evaluation tool; explore the ECERS-R conceptual framework that is used to evaluate quality and consistency in early childhood programs; learn strategies as well as be presented visuals to help view the ECERS-R as a tool for constant, continual growth in the prekindergarten classroom and gain insights into what the Illinois State Board of Education's Monitors/Assessors will be evaluating when programs are visited.

Learning Level: 2

Continuing Education – This training will provide 5.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- **Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE**
- **CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals**
- **Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (C) Observation and Assessment**

**Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.
The workshop is limited to 40 participants.**



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Autism 101 for the Para Professional

Presenters: Becky Handler and Nancy Pufahl

Date: September 26, 2016

Location: Webinar

Time: Check in begins at 7:30 AM. The webinar starts at 8:00 AM and continues to 9:30 AM. Contact Hours: 1.5

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1SMLSVP>

About The Webinar

Autism Spectrum Disorder is on the rise and many children are included in preschool programs. As a para-professional it is part of your role to provide support to student's to help them be more successful and independent. Characteristics of autism will be discussed and various research based instructional strategies will be explored so you can begin to implement them along with the classroom teachers input.

Learning Level: 1

Topic Area: (OBA) = Observation, Evaluation and Documentation

Gateways Content Area: (C) Observation and Assessment

A Certificate of Attendance will be provided.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants.



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Creative Curriculum For Preschool 5th Edition - Parts I and II

Presenter: Becky Handler

Date: Part I – October 5, 2016 and Part II – October 17, 2016

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Participants must attend both days of the workshop to receive a Certificate!

Please bring the five volumes of the 5th Edition Books to be able to participate!

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues to 3:30 p.m. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own.

Contact hours: 12.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/245NKsb>

Participants must attend both days; of the workshop to receive a certificate!

This workshop is offered in collaboration with the Early Childhood Center of Professional Development

About This Workshop

Through varied experiences and individual reflection, teachers will understand the framework of The Creative Curriculum. We will examine the ten Interest Areas and explore how to make them engaging to young children. Teachers will be able to use the five volumes; establish a positive social-emotional environment in their classroom; design effective classrooms; establish positive messages in the environment; develop a daily schedule that is based on their program's needs and informed by the Objectives for Development & Learning.

Learning Level: 2

Continuing Education – This training will provide 12 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- **Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE**
- **CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals**
- **Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (D) Curriculum or Program Design**

Full attendance for both days is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants.



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Early Childhood Outcomes Process: From Validity to Data to Program Improvement

Presenter: Marlene Christ

Date: October 21, 2016

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00AM. The webinar starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 2:30 PM. Contact Hours: 5.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1QCQZDw>

About This Workshop

The Illinois State Board of Education implemented changes in the Early Childhood Outcomes system to improve school districts' utilization and analysis of data for instructional purposes. Progress Ratings (formerly known as an Exit Rating) will be required every year for children with IEPs receiving Early Childhood Education Services. This will ensure that current progress data is available on an ongoing basis and that this data is used to inform instruction. Validity in Observation, Progress Reporting, Primary Assessments, Data Collection and the ECO process will be discussed.

Learning Level: 2

Continuing Education – This training will provide 5.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- ***Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- ***CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- ***Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (C) Observation and Assessment***

***Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.
The workshop is limited to 40 participants***



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Social Skills and Supports for Young Children with Autism and Related Disabilities

Date: October 25, 2016

Presenter: Margaret (Peg) Mazeika

**Location: Double Tree Hotel
5000 West 127th Street
Alsip, Illinois 60803**

Time: Check in begins at 8:30 AM. The workshop starts at 9:00 AM and continues to 3:00 PM. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own. Contact hours: 5.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1SMR24k>

This workshop is offered in collaboration with STAR NET Region V

About This Workshop

This workshop will cover the characteristics of Autism and Related Disabilities and their impact on development and use of social skills for young children. Research, supports, concrete examples, and use of materials to promote and strengthen social interaction skills will be presented. Participants will have time to share ideas and action plan next steps for implementation of social skills and supports specific to their population.

Learning Level: I

Continuing Education – This training will provide 5.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- ***Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- ***CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- ***Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (A) Human Growth & Development***

Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants.



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Building Bridges: The Transition Process From Early Intervention to Early Childhood

Date: October 28, 2016

**Presenters: Marlene Christ, Sheila Bauer, Keena Sims,
Karen Withgott**

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 AM. The workshop starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 2:30 PM. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own. Contact hours: 5.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/245QLlx>

About The Workshop

This is a state-developed, standardized and collaboratively-delivered training. Around the age of 2 ½ years, children and their families using Part C Early Intervention services begin the transition process to determine if they are eligible for Part B Early Childhood Special Education services by the age of three. Join those in early intervention; community care and education; early childhood public education and families of these children to explore this process of Transition. This training focuses on the (IDEA) and Illinois enactment to provide a smooth and effective transition for children and their families. Elements of the process, such as transition meetings, responsibilities, timelines, state forms and vital partnerships will be addressed.

Learning Level: 1

Continuing Education – This training will provide 5.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- ***Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- ***CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- ***Gateways to Opportunity credit in area (C) Observation and Assessment***

Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants



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STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Teaching Strategies GOLD On-Line: Introduction for Teachers

Presenter: Becky Handler

Date: November 1, 2016 and November 15, 2016

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues to 3:30 p.m. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own. – Contact Hours: 12

Participants must attend both days of the workshop to receive a Certificate and have attended The Foundations of The Creative Curriculum System for Preschool training or another research based, developmentally appropriate curriculum workshop!

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1rkQaeb>

This workshop is offered in collaboration with the Early Childhood Center of Professional Development

Please note: Participants must bring a laptop or tablet to the training. This is an on-line training and you MUST have a Teaching Strategies GOLD account and password so that you will be able to access the Teaching Strategies GOLD website. Also please bring your Objectives & Learning book.

About This Workshop

This 2 day session introduces teachers to Teaching Strategies GOLD, a Web-based, developmentally appropriate assessment system for children from birth through kindergarten. Through video clips, small-group work and facilitator-led discussions, teachers will explore the structure, features and functionality of the tool and practice using it to follow the four-step assessment cycle. Hands-on activities include observing children and writing objective observation notes, evaluating a child portfolio and communicating assessment information with families. By the end of the session, teachers will have the basic skills they need to begin implementing Teaching Strategies GOLD on-line in their classrooms.

The workshop is limited to 30 participants.

Learning Level: 1

Continuing Education – This training will provide 12 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (C) Observation and Assessment***

Full attendance for both days is required to receive a certificate.

The workshop is limited to 40 participants



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STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinar

Title: The Impact of Stress and Trauma In Young Children and Families

Date: November 3, 2016

Presenter: Sucheta Connolly, M.D.

**Location: UCP Sequin of Greater Chicago - Infnitec Southwest
7550 West 183rd Street
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477**

Time: Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues to 2:30 p.m. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own. – Contact Hours: 5.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1ND3JiV>

About This Workshop

In this full day workshop Dr. Connolly will initially review normal stressors and fears in young children as well as ways to build healthy communication and coping strategies in families. She will also review traumatic events in children experiences that may lead to anxiety and stress disorders. Clinical presentation of PTSD in children at different developmental stages will be described along with the current DSM 5 symptom criteria for PTSD in children. Interventions for children who have experienced significant trauma and their families will be discussed along with evidence-informed treatment for PTSD in children and modifications for young children. Case examples will be presented and audience participation will be encouraged regarding their own experiences and challenges with children and families who are coping with trauma. This workshop will emphasize clinical applications of material presented. References and resources will be provided to assist with further training and education in this area.

Learning Level: I

Continuing Education – This training will provide 5.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- ***Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE***
- ***CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals***
- ***Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (E) Interactions, Relationships & Environment***

***Full attendance is required to receive a certificate.
The workshop is limited to 50 participants***



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Introduction To Portfolio Collection and Developing and Using Child Portfolios In Preschool Settings

Date: November 8, 2016 (Webinar) and November 29, 2016 (Workshop)

Presenter: Becky Handler

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Webinar Time: Check in begins at 3:15 PM. The webinar starts at 3:30 PM and continues to 5:00 PM. Contact Hours: 1.5

Workshop Time: Check in begins at 8:30 AM. The workshop starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 3:30 PM. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own. Contact Hours: 6.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1QCWbaB>

Participants must attend both days; the webinar and the workshop to receive a certificate!

This workshop is offered in collaboration with the Early Childhood Center of Professional Development

About This Webinar/Workshop

A preschool student portfolio should be a purposeful collection of student work that demonstrates the child's efforts, progress and achievement. Join us at this webinar/workshop combination to better understand the role of portfolios in authentic assessment. The webinar will provide introductory information about portfolio assessment which will be expanded upon in the full day workshop which follows. You will learn the required elements of a high quality portfolio which shows growth over time and learn to connect portfolio items to the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. Attendees will learn to use the information gleaned from portfolio items to plan for large group, small group and individual students and engage families in the process. Attendance at both the webinar and workshop is required to receive a certificate of attendance.

Learning Level: 1

Continuing Education – This training will provide 7.5 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- **Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE**
- **CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals**
- **Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (C) Observation and Assessment**

**Full attendance for both days is required to receive a certificate.
The workshop is limited to 40 participants.**



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Building Social Emotional Competence: A Pyramid Model

Date: December 5, 2016 and February 22, 2017

Presenter: Sheila Bauer

**Location: Southwest Cooperative/Braun Education Center
Learning Links Conference Room
6020 West 151st Street, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**

Workshop Time: Check in begins at 8:00 AM. The workshop starts at 8:30 AM and continues to 2:30 PM. There will be a one-hour break for lunch and lunch is on your own. Contact Hours: 10.0

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/Ish2qwR>

Participants must attend both days; the webinar and the workshop to receive a certificate!

About This Workshop

Teachers report that challenging behavior is their number one training need and promoting social emotional development as the second. "Eighty (80%) of teachers report that problem behavior negatively affects their job satisfaction ..." (Fox, L. and Smith, B., 2007). In addition, the US DHHS and US Dept. of Education Policy Statement on EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION POLICIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SETTINGS further identifies the early care and education programs critical need for social, emotional and behavioral supports and recommends the Pyramid Model for eliminating the practice of expulsion and suspension and promoting strong partnerships for all families, agencies, and workforce invested in early childhood programs. The focus of the Pyramid model is promotion, prevention and intervention and is a widely referenced useful framework for addressing the needs of children in the areas of social, emotional and behavioral development and academic achievement.

The Pyramid Model – Day 1

This workshop examines Modules 1 and 2 of the CSEFEL training. Participants examine the foundation levels of the Pyramid Model that build social and emotional skills in young children. This session will focus building positive relationships with children, families and colleagues, and explore high quality supportive environments using classroom preventative strategies. The use of visual aids, videos, and other supports to address this content will be addressed.

The Pyramid Model – Day 2

This focus of this workshop examines the secondary and tertiary levels of the Pyramid Model using Social and Emotional Teaching Strategies, behavior observation and self-regulation tools. An introduction to team-based approach for functional behavior assessments and tools to develop program intensive individual interventions for children with most challenging behaviors will be provided.

Learning Level: 2

Continuing Education – This training will provide 5.0 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- **Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE**
- **CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals**
- **Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (E) Interactions, Relationships & Environment**

**Full attendance for both days is required to receive a certificate.
The workshop is limited to 40 participants**



STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Title: Supporting Preschool Transitions: Tips For The Para Professional

Presenters: Becky Handler and Nancy Pufahl

Date: December 6, 2016

Location: Webinar

Time: Check in begins at 3:15 PM. The webinar starts at 3:30 PM and continues to 5:00 PM. Contact Hours: 1.5

Register on-line: <http://conta.cc/26xnBub>

About This Webinar

How many transitions can there be? Every time an activity stops and another begins there is a transition! As a para-professional you are supporting children through this change. This time may be challenging for some and require your expertise. We will share examples, strategies and activities that will help their day move more smoothly, decrease behaviors AND stimulate thinking!

Let's discover and network together today to implement new ideas for tomorrow.

Learning Level: 1

Continuing Education – This training will provide 1.5 professional development hours (clock hours) for the following:

- **Professional Educator License Renewal – ISBE**
- **CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT and OT professionals**
- **Gateways to Opportunity credit in area: (E) Interactions, Relationships & Environment**

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STAR NET Region VI Workshops/Webinars

Presenters

Sheila Bauer, Resource Specialist

Sheila brings 17 years experience as a social worker to the STAR NET team. Sheila devoted most of her career to working in Early Childhood and Early Intervention programs as a social worker. She has led parent groups, facilitated children's social groups, provided support in the classroom and contributed to assessment/diagnostic teams. Sheila has a B.A. in Psychology, Masters in Social Work and Masters in Education Administration.

Marlene Christ, Project Director

Marlene Christ is the Project Director for STAR NET Region VI. She has extensive experience in early childhood programs and services. Marlene has worked as a school based speech-language pathologist, diagnostician on an Early Childhood Team; Early Intervention service provider, and supervisor of an Early Intervention program. Marlene also served as supervisor of the speech-language program and assistive technology program at Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education and as an educational consultant and trainer for Infinitec. Marlene has a B.A. in Speech, a M.H.S in Communication Disorders and has completed graduate coursework for a School Administrators Certificate.

Sucheta Connolly, M.D.

Sucheta Connolly, M.D. is a child and adolescent psychiatrist, Director of the Pediatric Stress and Anxiety Disorders Clinic and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Dr. Connolly has been a clinician-educator at the UIC Medical Center since 1992 who coordinates a multidisciplinary team and emphasizes and integration of CBT, family therapy, medications and school interventions in her treatment approach for childhood anxiety disorders, OCD and PTSD. She provides ongoing consultation and educational programming to community providers and school districts throughout the region. Dr. Connolly graduated from Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, completed her residency in general psychiatry at UIC and her fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at University of Chicago.

Becky Handler, Resource Specialist

Becky Handler has her B.S. and a M.S. in speech language pathology. Her past work experience includes team teaching Kindergarten children with severe communication disorders, consulting and an inclusion facilitator in a school district. She has extensive experience consulting and mentoring in early childhood and elementary classrooms, day care sites and Head Start programs. She is a trainer of trainers for, Portfolios, ECERS-R, IELDS, ELS and Teaching Strategies GOLD and Creative Curriculum 5th Edition.

Margaret (Peg) Mazeika

Peg Mazeika has worked in the field of education for over 25 years, most of it working with children and adults in regular or special needs settings. Autism Spectrum Disorders are a specialty area of focus for Peg and she has been trained through Project TEACCH in North Carolina and has an undergraduate degree in Education (EC, K-9, Regular & Special Ed) and a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Peg has taught and consulted in both regular and special education classrooms working with Early Childhood through Adults as an educator, behavior management specialist and staff trainer. Peg has provided training and consultation to the IL Autism Project, as well as school districts across the state of Illinois and Wisconsin and has served on the Professional Advisory Committee of the IL Autism Society. Most recently, Peg has been a Technical Assistance Coordinator and Trainer with the Wis. PBIS Network providing training and technical assistance to school districts in WI.

Nancy Pufahl, Resource Specialist

Nancy Pufahl is an experienced early childhood teacher. Nancy received her undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and her Master's in Early Childhood Education from Governors State University. She taught ECSE and worked in early intervention as a developmental therapist. Nancy has been trained in several areas of assessment including Creative Curriculum 5th Edition, Teaching Strategies GOLD, CLASS, ECERS-R and ELS. Nancy is able to provide support in these areas as well as trainings on topics such as autism, behavior and curriculum.

Keena Sims

Keena L. Sims, Project Manager for the Early Intervention Training Program at the University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana, began working in the Early Intervention Program as a Credentialed Lead Service Coordinator and Developmental Therapist in 2000. As the Project Manager for the EI Training Program, Sims oversees the Credit Request process, Interpreter and Translator Project, as well as takes on a lead role in the Child and Family Outcomes projects. Sims leads the effort of surveying all families involved in the Illinois Early Intervention Program annually, to help improve services to provided Illinois children and their families. Mrs. Sims is currently a member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Division of Early Childhood (DEC). She is a graduate of Michigan State University with a background in social services specializing in Family and Community Services. Mrs. Sims' more than twenty-five years of combined professional experiences range from helping children and families facing issues of homelessness, domestic violence and providing high quality services to children with special needs. Her EI Philosophy is to "meet families where they are and provide them with the best services possible. Sims, a Grand Rapids, Michigan native, lives in Illinois with her husband and their three children

Karen Withgott

Karen is the parent of two sons both of which have special needs. She brings a wealth of personal experience because of her two sons as well as her work as a LIC Coordinator and Parent Liaison with Child & Family Connections #12.

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