



SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

SPRING IS A MIRACULOUS EXPERIENCE! THE WHOLE WORLD COMES ALIVE AFTER THE WINTER SEASON. SPRING GIVES US HOPE FOR REJUVENATION IN OUR OWN LIVES AS WELL. SPRING IS THE TIME TO RENEW THE EXCITEMENT AND ZEST FOR LIFE!

GOOD MORNING CASE MEMBERS!



CASE 2014 Winter Hybrid Conference

CASE Winter Hybrid Conference held in Orlando, February 24-26 was very informative and enlightening and addressed topics of importance to administrators of Special Education. They included(but not limited to)Teacher and Administrator's evaluation, Value-Added Model, Implications for Special Education Support and Evaluation of Special Education Directors, Common Core Standards and the role for Related Service professionals, Assessments including Alternate Assessment, discussions centered around "Public Education: Can we squeeze any more

out of this outdated system and the challenges that public education is facing. The conference was designed to provide on-site "Live" presentations/ Town Hall discussions coupled with colleagues across the country participating virtually. Guest speakers included StevanKukic, Director of School Transformation for the National Center for Learning Disabilities; Dr. MaryBrownell, Director of the National Center to Inform Policy and Practice in Special Education Professional Development and Collaboration for Effective Educator, Accountability, and Reform (CEEDAR) Center; Dr. MaryEllenElia, Superintendent of Hillsborough County Public Schools; Dr. Joanne Cashman, Director of the IDEA Partnership at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE); Dr. Bradley Carl, Associate Director for Policy at the Value Added Research Center (VARC); Lynn Holdheide, Deputy Director for the Center on Great Teacher and Leaders and many other distinguish speakers.

Listed below are a few resources that were shared at the conference that you may want to peruse:

www.ideapartnership.org
www.ceedar.org or cedar@coe.ufl.edu
www.learningport.us

A special thank you to the following Florida CASE members who participated either on-site or virtual: Your support did not go unnoticed!

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Sandra Chambers-Collins
Monica Verra-Tirado and BEESS Staff
Rosalind Hall

Educational Blog; Designed Just For You!



ESE and Student Services Directors- Do you have a question that you would like input from your colleagues that would be of assistance to you in your daily work or a challenging scenario? If you answer yes to one (1) or both questions...Allow your Board to be of assistance...please read below.

If you recall, as a result of the Roundtable discussions throughout the state with Monica Verra- Tirado, our Bureau Chief and the feedback received from our colleagues. The Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) has extended our professional development blog to meet your request for support and is intended to serve as a forum for discussion, exchange of ideas, sharing of resources, and answering questions that as Directors we are faced with on a daily basis in our profession. This will serve as an avenue that lends itself to a professional conversation to enhance the ability of each of us to better serve the multi-facet needs of our students across the state.

Our first question for the blog:

ESE and/or Student Services Directors - what are "your" responsibilities related to the implementation of MTSS in your District? Please allow two (2) days for the question to be posted to our website under "Educational blog" at www.flocase.org Your colleagues await to hear from you 😊



This is a friendly reminder to register and upload your documents that are related to SB 1108 on the Edmodo system. It was suggested by our Directors across the state that we have a place whereby Directors could upload and share forms. Please find

attached written instructions as to creating an account, assessing and uploading documents. This service and access to the forms will only be available to our CASE members and ESE Directors across the state. Please log onto our website www.flocase.org and it will take you directly to the Edmodo site. At this time we have 15 colleagues that have created an account and we ask that everyone log onto our CASE website and use the link that will take you directly to the Edmodo site and register. The site is www.edmodo.com .

Follow the directions attached "Create an Edmodo Account, after you are registered, you will see the information below and Valerie will get an email "Welcome to the Florida CASE Edmodo Page!" to accept your registration.

When you join this page you will be given co-teacher rights which will allow you to upload documents. In addition, you will receive email notifications regarding who joins the group. Please follow the instructions from this link if you would like to turn these notifications off.<https://support.edmodo.com/home#entries/22808...>

Should you have questions, please contact Valerie Scott, Member-at-Large at bjvalerie@att.net

Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute



17th Annual Florida Council of Administration of Special Education (CASE) Summer Leadership Institute will be held June 9–11, 2014.

This year's theme " Leadership in the 21st Century: Results Driven Accountability." The Institute will be held at the Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach-Resort & Spa. We are planning an exciting Institute for you! A "Draft" agenda and registration forms are attached. You will also be able to register on-line on our website www.flocase.org

A block of rooms has been set aside for this conference at the rate of \$135.00/ Standard/Single or Double Room, \$150.00/Standard Triple, \$179.00/Ocean view, Single or Double, \$204.00 Ocean view Triple and \$229.00 Ocean View/Quad, plus tax (Tax exempt card will be honored) and a \$5.00 per day parking charge. When making reservations, please refer to the group name and code below.

Reservations at the group rate must be made by May 18, 2014 or until the room block has been reserved, whichever comes first.

*** You may make reservations 3 days prior to the Institute and 3 days following at the discounted rate***

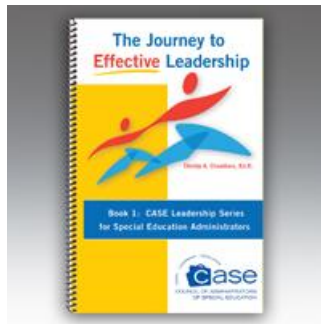
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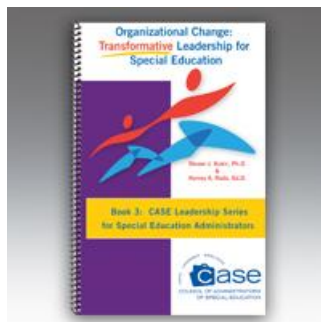
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[CASE Leadership Series \(Book 2\) - *Trends and Issues Affecting Education and the Provision of Special Education Services*](#)



[CASE Leadership Series \(Book 3\) - *Organizational Change: Transformative Leadership for Special Education*](#)

In closing, your Board wishes you a safe, fun-filled and relaxing Spring Break! It is important that we rejuvenate and recharge our battery☺

Best regards,

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