



FLORIDA CASE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS TO OUR MEMBERS!

MAY THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BRING YOU MUCH LOVE, JOY
AND PEACE. A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING
SUPPORT, COMPASSION AND CARE YOU PROVIDE EVERY DAY TO
YOUR STUDENTS!



**PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING
OUR NEW NATIONAL CASE MEMBERS:**

DEBBIE ANDERSON- SANTA ROSA SCHOOLS

ETHEL LOUIS AUERBACH- MIAMI BEACH

NIKKI CALLAGHAN- FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

CAROL GUTHRIE- ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCOTT KOZLOWSKI- COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOLS

BETTY LINTON- HAMILTON COUNTY, ESE COORDINATOR

TERRY RYAN- PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please visit our website at www.flocase.org where you will find a wealth
of information☺



CASE COLLABORATES WITH FOIL, FASSA AND FASA

This is a friendly reminder that on Friday, February 27th Florida CASE, FOILS, FASSA and FASA will provide a venue in which discussions surrounding Senate Bill 850, Early Warning Systems and Multi-Tiered System of Supports; how to Logistically Meet the Needs of Students with Disabilities. We have 196 registered colleagues! This event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Orlando Altamonte Springs. For registration information, please see attachment. We hope to see you there!



GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS!

NATIONAL CASE HYBRID CONFERENCE-

FEBRUARY 19 AND 20TH

This is a gentle reminder that National CASE will be hosting their 4th Annual Hybrid Winter Conference this year in Arizona, February 19 and 20th. Florida CASE is thrilled to be able to pay the registration cost for each site. A huge thank you to the following colleagues that will host the Hybrid Conference in their respective regions:

FDLRS Heartland- Kathy Mathis: Glades, Hendry, Desoto, Highlands, Hardee and Okeechobee

FDLRS Region 5- Marsha Kufel, Gwen Lipscomb and Delsey Yancoskie: Collier, Lee, Broward, Palm Beach, Dade and Monroe

FDLRS Region 2- Jim Husted: Levy, Citrus, Marion, Alachua, Dixie, and Gilchrist

FDLRS PAEC-Faye Yongue: Washington, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Walton

Pasco- Melissa Musselwhite: Hernando will join Pasco

FDLRS Region 4- Dr. Poinsetta Tillman: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Highlands, Sarasota and Hardee

Remember, you can attend both days or just for a specific topic; you have full flexibility! See attached agenda.

Please contact your respective region representative if you are interested in participating or need additional information.

**FLORIDA DIVISION ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT
AND TRANSITION
VISIONS XXII CONFERENCE**

On behalf of The Board of Directors for Florida Division on Career Development and Transition I am proud to announce that the upcoming VISIONS XXII Conference/Transition Planning Institute will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida from May 6th to May 8th. Attached is the registration form for completion. Please note that registrations received prior to April 6, 2015 are eligible for the early-bird registration rate. Also, the first 10 registrations received that indicate a membership in Council for Exceptional Children but not a member of the Division on Career Development and Transition will receive a free DCDT membership.

Hotel accommodations should be made directly with the Rosen Shingle Creek (1-866-996-6338). Please be sure to mention VISIONS XXII, Florida DCDT when making reservations to receive the conference rate of \$139.00 plus taxes. Please note that the conference rate is available to all conference participants three (3) days prior and three (3) days after the conference.

Any questions regarding the conference/hotel accommodations are to be directed to Paul Odham, President at

either Paul.Odham@ocps.net or Pablo.Odham@hotmail.com or at (407)497-9938. Completed registration forms can be faxed to (386)313-1517 or sent electronically to PatMFL@aol.com.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this exciting event? How about being a presenter? Below is a link to the on-line application for presentations. Please be aware that lead presenters receive a \$25.00 discount toward registration fees.

<https://docs.google.com/a/mail.usf.edu/forms/d/1m3z4kpiqJyGIr-PiqpVYMdPZO3DuCG3f-x1ZyyY8Ha0/viewform>

Questions regarding presentation proposals are to be sent to: FDCDTVISIONSXXII@gmail.com.



**FLORIDA CASE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! GO TO

www.flocase.org

**THEME: "RE-INVENTING SPECIAL EDUCATION:
SHARE THE VISION"**

June 8-10, 2015

Embassy Suites Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.

Hotel Reservations:

A block of rooms has been set aside for this conference at the rate of \$137.00/ Standard/Single or Double Room, \$152.00/Standard Triple, \$181.00/Ocean view, Single or Double, \$206.00 Ocean view Triple and \$231.00 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 "Florida CASE" AND ask for "Reservations." Otherwise the call may be transferred to the 1-800 desk and they are not managing our event.

Reservations at the group rate must be made by Friday, May 15, 2015 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***

**Embassy Suites Resort and Spa
950 South Ocean Drive, Deerfield, Fl. (954) 426-0478
Embassysuites3.hilton.com**



From our Legislation and Bylaws Chairperson,
Valerie Scott

ESEA REAUTHORIZATION KICKS OFF

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), the new chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, has promised a robust education agenda for the 114th Congress. True to his word, Alexander moved quickly to release a draft of the **Every Child Ready for College or Career Act of 2015**, reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), on January 13. ESEA was last updated in 2002, as the No Child Left Behind Act, and has been awaiting reauthorization since 2007.

The Senate HELP Committee held its first hearing, titled “Fixing No Child Left Behind: Testing and Accountability,” on January 21 and a second hearing was held on January 27. A third hearing is scheduled for February 3.

On the House side, John Kline (R-MN), chair of the Education and the Workforce Committee, plans to use the Student Success Act, HR 5, passed by the House in the 113th Congress, as a starting point for a House ESEA reauthorization bill. Kline has said that he plans to have a bill on the House floor before the end of March.



COALITION OF EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS- CEES UPDATE

Dr. Hall and I will travel to Tallahassee in March, along with members of the Florida CASE Board of Directors, to represent all of you in supporting the CEES 2015 Legislative Platform.

CEES is a coalition of parent and professional organizations who share a common concern for improving educational opportunities for exceptional students in the State of Florida. Florida CASE is a very active member of this coalition.

The CEES group has developed the new 2015 Legislative Platform that will be forthcoming. This document will guide our presentations during meetings with State Legislators at the Capitol in Tallahassee during the Spring 2015 Legislative Session, March 16 and 17th. Areas of focus will include: Funding, Accountability, Personnel, Safe Learning Environment, Access and Assessment. Additional information will be forthcoming. We hope that you can join us!

Email questions or comments to: bjvalerie@att.net



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

THE GREATEST LEADER IS NOT NECESSARILY THE ONE WHO DOES THE GREATEST THINGS. HE IS THE ONE THAT GETS THE PEOPLE TO DO THE GREATEST THINGS.”

~ Ronald Reagan

Best Regards,

CASE Board of Directors

Dr. Rosalind Hall, President