

**The Foothill SELPA Community Advisory Committee is pleased to announce its
6th Parent Conference and Transition Forum**

“Parent-Professional Collaboration”

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:00 am to Noon

La Canada High School
4463 Oak Grove Drive
La Canada CA 91011

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Escalante
Superintendent, Glendale Unified School District

This conference focuses on issues in Special Education, and is open to all parents, educators and interested community members

Conference schedule as follows:

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration check-in and coffee/juice
8:30 – 9:25 am	Welcome and Keynote Address (Door Prizes!)
9:30 – 10:30 am	Breakout Session
10:30 – 11:00 am	Visit Exhibitor Tables & ARC Handbell Choir
11:00 – Noon	Breakout Session

Pre-registration is required. Cost of the conference is \$5.00 per family, which will be refunded when you check-in at registration table.

You may pay with cash or check, made payable to Foothill SELPA
Registration fee guarantees handouts, morning coffee/juice, pastries and doorprizes!
Sorry, child care will NOT be available.

Please review the attached program descriptions and mark the sessions you plan to attend on the Pre-Registration Form.

Please call the SELPA office (818-246-5378) if you have any questions.

This project is co-sponsored by the Foothill SELPA and Region 11 Regional Coordinating Council

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS – 9:30 – 10:30 am
(You may select one session in this time period)

Session 1 – An Introduction to Special Education Rights for Parents and Students

This session will give parents information they need to understand Special Education law.

Presenter: Jennifer Rowe, Attorney-at-Law, Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost

Session 2 – Including Children with Disabilities in General Education: What, Why and a Little of How!

This session will define what inclusion is as well as the reasons for placement in general education. Quality program components will be reviewed. Participants will gain an understanding of what a quality inclusion program should look like and the supports necessary to assist our kids and their teachers in being successful.

Presenter: Rick Clemens, Director, Inclusive Education and Community Partnership (IECP)

Session 3 – Parent Group Round Table

This session will create a form for parents to share tools, strategies and frustrations with other parents. School Psychologist and Marriage and Family Therapist will mediate a discussion between parents and provide some techniques for increasing communication in your family.

Presenter: Avra Warsofsky, Program Specialist/School Psychologist, Foothill SELPA; Alisa Carvey, Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), Pacific Clinics.

Session 4—Supporting Social Skills in the Home & Community

This session will cover the latest research and clinical findings on helping parents to foster social skill development in their special needs children. Specific focus will be placed on how to facilitate play dates and the prerequisite skills needed for establishing long-term friendships.

Presenter: Dr. Laurie Stephens, Director of Clinical Services, Education Spectrum.

Session 5 – “We’re All Ears: Listening and Language Activities for You and Your Family”

Carefree summer days are filled with opportunities to enhance your youngster’s listening and language skills. Join a Teacher of the Hearing Impaired and a Speech/Language Pathologist and learn how to have fun, develop your child’s receptive and expressive language, and not spend a dime! This session is suitable for parents of preschoolers and school-aged children.

Presenters: Marilyn Hill, Speech/Language Therapist, Foothill SELPA; Nancy Parker, Infant Toddler Specialist, Foothill SELPA.

Session 6 – How Parents Can Support the Transition Process

This session will have information and practical tips from a variety of agencies on how to support your son/daughter in the process of making the transition from school to the adult world. Representatives from the school districts, Department of Rehabilitation, Regional Occupational Programs and Regional Center are scheduled to co-present.

Presenter: Linda Lindley, WorkAbility Coordinator, Foothill SELPA.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS – 11:00 am - Noon
(You may select one session in this time period)

Session 7 – An Introduction to Special Education Rights for Parents and Students (REPEAT of SESSION 1)

This session will give parents information they need to understand Special Education law.

Presenter: Jennifer Rowe, Attorney-at-Law, Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost

Session 8 – Including Children with Disabilities in General Education: What, why and a little of how! (REPEAT OF SESSION 2)

This session will define what inclusion is as well as the reasons for placement in general education. Quality program components will be reviewed. Participants will gain an understanding of what a quality inclusion program should look like and the supports necessary to assist our kids and their teachers in being successful.

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Session 9 – Raising an Independent Blind/Visually Impaired Child

What are your goals for your child? Do you foresee him/her living on their own? Independent living skills need to start at home and carry over into the school setting. Techniques and ideas to use at home and school for developing independent skills will be shared. Bring your questions concerning your child's independence training. Its never too late to start the process of independence!

Presenters: Foothill SELPA VI Staff: Guadalupe Arellano, VI Specialist; Cari Fike, VI Specialist; Nancy Learmonth, Orientation and Mobility Specialist; Gayle Pinto, VI Specialist; Camellia Rezayat, VI Specialist; Linda Zimmerman, Orientation and Mobility Specialist.

Session 10— Helping Parents Understand Assessment Results

This session will focus on reviewing assessment results. School Psychologist will review terms, scores, and discuss the basic elements of your child's psycho-educational assessment.

Presenter: Avra Warsofsky, Program Specialist/School Psychologist, Foothill SELPA.

Session 11 – Understanding ABA Principles and Methodologies: Earlier Intervention for Children with Autism

This session will cover the principles of applied behavior analysis and specific methodologies. Parents will learn how to motivate their children and how to help them develop behavioral skills needed for learning.

Presenter: Patricia Landis-Weintraub, M.S., BICM, School Psychologist/Intensive Behavior Intervention Program Coordinator, Simi Valley Unified School District

Session 12— Working With Behaviors in the Home

This session will review the general principles of behavior modification and the most common situations of children with special needs.

Presenter: Dr. Laurie Stephens, Director of Clinical Services, Education Spectrum.

Session 13— Is Your Student Considering College? What Parents Need to Know...

This session will discuss the differences between high school and college, and how to help your student navigate the community college system.

Presenter: Joy Cook, Associate Dean, Center for Students with Disabilities, Glendale Community College

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____ School: _____

District: _____ Parent General Ed Staff
 Special Ed Staff Other _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____ Email: _____

Do you need translation services? No Yes

If yes, please indicate: Armenian Korean Sign Language Spanish

If translation is requested, we must receive your registration no later than April 25, 2010

Please check the sessions you plan to attend (Check only one session per time period)

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I would like to receive a certificate of attendance for 3 hours of Professional Growth and Development hours.
Please note: Certificates of attendance will be available at the end of the conference.

Please be aware that NO confirmation will be mailed. Your place is guaranteed unless otherwise notified. *Registration is a first-come, first-served basis.*

I am enclosing **\$5.00** (Fee will be refunded at check-in) - Make checks payable to "Foothill SELPA"

Mail Registration **No Later than May 5th** to: **Foothill SELPA**
1700 E. Mountain Street
Glendale CA 91207

Any questions, please call the Foothill SELPA office at (818) 246-5378 OR email questions to sdunbar@gusd.net