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Approved Gateways to Opportunity Trainings

Available at your staff meetings; day or evenings

Best Practices for Students with Special Needs including those on the spectrum.

Meeting all our students' needs in a classroom is the most difficult job of a teacher. Often times teachers feel stress or overwhelm when dealing with a child who just doesn't seem to be comfortable and happy. Those feelings then transfer into the class as a whole. This seminar will focus on best practices for diversifying all aspects of a classroom including strategies for children on the spectrum, those with physical limitations, emotional concerns etc. The beginning of this seminar will be open to teachers talking about their most difficult times of the day; typically transition, nap, drop off and pick up. Specific students and situations will be discussed so that best practices that apply to your particular school are the focus of strategies that can be implemented immediately. Teachers will have small group time to determine which best practices will work with their particular students. Cost: \$350/center

Do's and Don'ts of Social Media For Educators

In this 2 hour seminar teachers will learn the benefits of using social media and the drawbacks. Most important is the idea that the teachers should never mix personal pages with professional pages. We will look at case studies of great social media usage in promoting the school to increase enrollment. We will also discuss negative case studies of social media used inappropriately. We show the staff how to protect their personal identity online. Lastly we encourage staff to have a set phrase to use when parents do try to connect with them personally. The last 30 minutes is follow-up with me to see how the changes are helping the social media presence of your school. Cost \$350/center

Is Your Safety Preparedness Plan Complete Enough?

In this two hour session we look at your current safety plans and see what you might be missing in your drills. We will go through best practices for all emergencies that we need to be prepared for in 2016. We walk through exactly what teachers do in all emergency situation so that IF the need ever arises they know what to do and don't have to second guess their actions. We look at each particular classroom for specific details for hide/run/fight practices. It pays to be prepared for anything. Athletes talk about muscle memory and how they just react without thinking. That's what we want your teachers to be prepared for. Acting without the second guessing that takes away precious time. Although the content of this session is difficult we will make the two hours as uplifting as possible. It always feels good to know you are ready for anything, even as remote as the possibility may be. Cost: \$350/center.

Is Motivation a Four Letter Word? Nope! (our most popular session best done in a group format)

In this seminar teachers will take a quick personality test to determine their personality color; similar to the book "What Color is Your Parachute." Once we determine their individual colors we will talk about what makes successful communication strategies, especially among people with different traits. We do some role playing activities to practice. We also discuss the children and guess what their colors might be. Knowing their colors will enable us to discuss best discipline strategies and how to motivate different children. I will follow up with the school director to answer questions and see how the knowledge of personality colors has affected the climate of the classrooms and school. Cost: \$350/center

Integrating a Foreign Language

We will discuss simple ways to integrate foreign language into each classroom, even if the teachers are not fluent in the language of choice. Schools that have foreign language materials are welcomed to bring them along so we can show creative ways to use different items you already have. Together the teachers will determine what different vocabulary they can use at different levels so the children are learning new vocabulary each year and growing in their knowledge of a second language. 1.5 hours will be spent in this seminar. The last 30 minutes will be follow-up with the director to see how the plan is moving forward and discussing successes and possible difficulties. Cost: \$350/center

Setting Goals to Reach Big Dreams

In this two hour seminar we will discuss setting SMART goals and the difference between goals and dreams. Staff will be encouraged to find an accountability coach within their lives to hold them accountable for their Big Dreams. The second part of this session is spent on vision boards. Each staff member will leave with their very own two sided vision board. One side focuses on professional development and the other side is personal development. We also discuss how using vision boards with the children can help integrate families into goal setting for their child and keep everyone on the same page. This seminar is 1.5 hours and the remaining 30 minutes will be spent via email with individual teachers discussing how to reach their Big Dreams. Cost: \$350/center

Pending Gateways to Opportunity Trainings:

Embracing Diversity In Your School

Increasing Parent Participation

Do you need or want something different? We can design exactly what you need. Just send me a note and I can get started on a new seminar.

Please give me 5 weeks to get it approved by INCCRRA if you need that.