

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

School District/Agency _____

Please circle all that apply:

Parent Grandparent Educator

Other: Please specify _____

Mark only ONE per session time.

10:45-11:45 Morning Sessions

- ____ Energize Student/Family/School
- ____ Student Academy Panel
- ____ Building Relationships

12:00-1:00 Afternoon Sessions

- ____ Energize Student/Family/School (*repeat session*)
- ____ Promoting Academic & Transition Skills
- ____ Early Literacy

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

- ⇒ Online at www.sst9.org
- ⇒ Email your completed registration to: holly.kemp@email.sparcc.org
- ⇒ Mail completed registration to:
 SST9 - Attn: Holly Kemp
 2100 - 38th St NW
 Canton, OH 44709

***You must be registered by
 March 24 to receive handouts/book.***

AVENUE OF ANSWERS
VENDOR DISPLAYS - 7:45 am - 12:00 pm

Various agency personnel will be available for you to speak with, and information will be provided related to children with diverse needs. Some of these vendors include:

- ASPIES
- Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs
- Aultman Hospital WOW Van
- Autism Speaks
- Buckeye Health Plan
- Canton Challenger Baseball
- Heart Transaction Counseling
- Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)
- Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)
- Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success
- Pegasus Farm
- RedTreehouse
- SST9 Parent Support Coordinator
- Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Stark County District Library
- Stark County Family Council
- Tri-County Ohio Parent Mentor
- Wayne County Help Me Grow

Home/School Relationships
 High Expectations Universal Access
 Strong Relationships Early Literacy



CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY:

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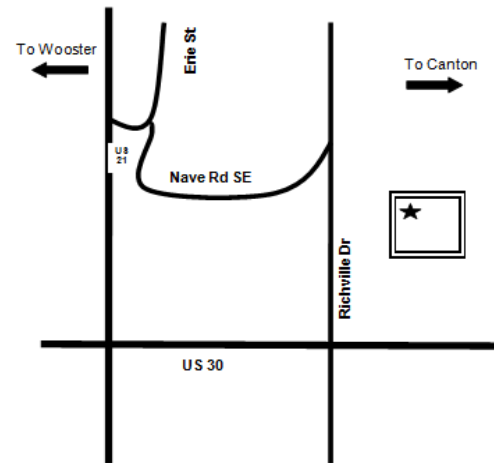
With questions regarding this conference, please contact the State Support Team Region 9 Laurie Langenfeld, Associate Director laurie.langenfeld@email.sparcc.org 330-492-8136 extension 1432

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

R. G. Drage Career Technical Center
 2800 Richville Drive SE
 Massillon, Ohio 44646

R.G. Drage CTC and all sessions are handicapped accessible.

**To access conference handouts visit
www.sst9.org after April 10th.**



State Support Team Region 9 is pleased to present our
9th Annual Conference for Families and Educators of Diverse Learners
Saturday, April 8, 2017
7:45 am - 1:00 pm

Building Blocks to Promote Success for Children, Families and Educators

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Debbie Zacarian



Registration/Refreshments/Networking

7:45 am - 8:30 am

Awards Recognition

8:30 am - 9:15 am

Keynote/Presenters' Session Times

9:20 am - 1:00 pm

Avenue of Answers (Vendor Displays)

7:45 am - 12:00 pm

Networking

7:45 am - 8:30 am, 10:30 - 10:45 am
 and 11:45 am - 12:00 pm

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Debbie Zacarian

Dr. Debbie Zacarian works in advancing student achievement and family-school partnerships. With three decades of combined experience as a public school leader, university faculty member, and educational service agency administrator; she founded Zacarian Consulting. She works with national and state agencies, school districts, and colleges. Her explanations of current research into practical strength-based instructional, evaluation, and family-school partnership practices with diverse populations are widely used. She's authored several books and over 100 articles, book chapters, teacher training and coaching manuals, and policies. Dr. Zacarian speaks frequently at local, state, national and international conferences held by major education institutions and organizations.



8:30 am - 9:15 am

- ◆ **Recognition of Franklin B. Walter and R.A. Horn Award Recipients: Outstanding Achievement in Special Education**
- ◆ **Recognition of Karen Williams Leadership Award**

Keynote: 9:20 am - 10:30 am

Harness the Power of Partnerships

Teaching effectively in dynamically diverse classrooms and building strong family-school partnerships has become more important than ever. Explore scientifically proven methods for tapping into the rich resources of students, families, teachers, the school community, and the community-at-large to systematically: build coalitions of support around learning and engagement; develop positive relationships with students and their families and communities; foster positive, reciprocal partnerships; promote peer-to-peer relationship building; and support inclusive practices for the entire community of students and families. ***PENDING OHIO APPROVED HOURS***

10:45 am - 11:45 am MORNING SESSIONS

Energize Student, Family, School and Community Partnerships through Classroom-Based Events

Dr. Debbie Zacarian

Classroom-based events are a powerful means for student, family, school, and community engagement and collaborations. During this interactive session, we will explore 4 partnering possibilities for classroom-based events: (1) community-building events for social purposes; (2) showcasing the curriculum to make learning transparent; (3) drawing on the rich resources of families; and (4) building a home-school culture of learning. ***PENDING OHIO APPROVED HOURS***

Student Academy Panel

Deb Bates, SST9 Parent Support Coordinator, Addy Fletcher, Tri-County Parent Mentor of Ohio

This session will consist of a panel of high school students from across SST Region 9 who have participated in this school year's three-day **ALL IN Student Academy**, which has focused on the topics *Identity and Awareness, Leadership and Empowerment, and Extending Our ALL IN Ally Work*. The panelists will share what they have learned about the diverse climates of their schools and communities, as well as how they have grown both personally and as a team member. <http://www.nctvstorytellers.org/all-in--straight-a-grant.html>

Building Relationships with Diverse Families and Communities

**Mary Lynne Offredo, M.Ed - SST9 Consultant
Carmelita Smith, Stark County Family Council Engagement Coordinator
Dana Weber, M.Ed - SST9 English Language Learner Contact**

The focus of this presentation is to provide families and educators with tools to help build relationships that support positive student outcomes for ALL learners. Dr. Zacarian's book, *In It Together: How Student, Family and Community Partnerships Advance Engagement and Achievement in Diverse Classrooms* will be referenced throughout this presentation. ***PENDING OHIO APPROVED HOURS***

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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Promoting Academic and Transition Skills In the Digital Age

Alfred Daviso, Ph.D.

The University of Akron-Associate Professor

This presentation will cover applications to assist students in English Language Arts, mathematics, social and transitional skills. Tools and technology for supporting teachers, students, and parents in the transition process will be provided. Participants will learn how to access these materials. Applications to assist students who are English Learners will also be discussed.

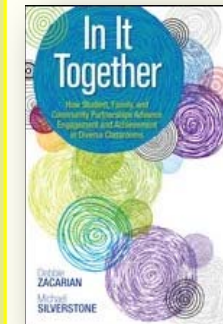
Building Early Literacy through Phonological Awareness

**Jennifer Griffing, M.Ed - SST9 Consultant
Leeann Weigman, M.Ed - SST9 Early Childhood Consultant**

This session will focus on intentional strategies and daily activities for the home and classroom to support the development of Phonological Awareness, the critical foundation for proficient reading.

PENDING OHIO APPROVED HOURS

SST9 will be providing Dr. Zacarian's book titled *In It Together*.



Teaching effectively in diverse classrooms has become more complex than ever. The authors of this practical, compelling, and inspiring book propose that understanding the spheres of influence that connect students with teachers, peers, family members, and the broader community significantly increases the odds that every student will succeed in school.

There is **NO FEE** to attend this conference. Registered participants will receive the following on the day of the conference:

- Book - *In It Together*
- Conference booklet
- Coffee/Water/Refreshments

A **CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE** will be distributed to each registered participant for 3.0 contact hours.



***Early Childhood** - Pending approval for Ohio Approved (SUTQ) hours. See sessions for 1.0 hour pending approval. You can receive up to 3.0 hours.

We appreciate and encourage your attendance at our **FREE** conference. In our attempt to be fiscally responsible and to maintain our **FREE** conference, we hope that your registration will equal your attendance.