

# **OUTSIDE OF THE BOX GIFTED:**

## **Recognizing and Supporting Diverse Gifted Populations**

Sponsored by: Lake Forest School District 67 and IAGC

### ***WHAT WILL BE COVERED?***

This workshop will be delivered in three strands:

**Strand 1** – June 22<sup>nd</sup> **Linda Kreger Silverman Ph.D.** and **Elizabeth Mika M.A.** will discuss how to recognize gifted children with learning differences through classroom data/observations and assessments; analyze test profiles of twice exceptional learners, and visual spatial learners; discuss the emotional needs of twice exceptional students including an introduction to Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities; cover identification and strategies for working with profoundly gifted students academically and emotionally.

**Strand 2** – June 22<sup>nd</sup> & a.m. 23<sup>rd</sup> **M. Elizabeth Nielsen, Ph.D.** and **L. Dennis Higgins, Ed.D.** will focus on specific types of learning disabilities and exceptionalities; offer strategies to address the needs of various exceptionalities using the Autonomous Learner Model (ALM) and Transformational Leadership to support the student academic plan.

**Strand 3** - June 23<sup>rd</sup> will focus on differentiation strategies to serve culturally, linguistically and economically diverse (CLED) promising learners by **Rosina Gallagher, Ph.D.**, advocacy tools for creating emotionally safe schools for all gifted students by **Cathy Risberg, M.A.**, and visual spatial learning tools and organization strategies by **Laura Paull, M.A., NBCT**

### ***WHAT SKILLS WILL THIS HELP ME DEVELOP?***

#### **Administrators, psychologists, teachers, and parents will:**

- Learn to select and analyze assessments and classroom data to draw an effective profile of student strengths, needs, and exceptionalities to develop an appropriate plan for success
- Learn to use the guidelines for the extended norms of the WISC-IV with an intrapersonal approach
- Gain increased understanding of over-excitabilities and strategies to support the twice exceptional learner
- Gain increased understanding of the learning style of visual-spatial learners and strategies to address their needs academically and organizationally
- Learn the importance of identifying profoundly gifted students
- Learn about programs for profoundly gifted students
- Learn to distinguish characteristics unique to children within the Autism Spectrum and Bipolar Disorder
- Learn strategies developed around the Betts Autonomous Learner Model to successfully work with unique populations

- Become familiar with the Nielsen, Higgins, Betts model of Transformational Leadership to address the needs of twice exceptional students
- Become familiar with strategies for talent development among CLED promising learners
- Learn to advocate for an emotionally safe school environment for gifted children

### **About the Presenters:**

**Linda Kreger Silverman, Ph.D.** is a licensed psychologist. She directs the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development, and its subsidiary, the Gifted Development Center in Denver, Colorado. She also founded Visual-Spatial Resource.

**Elizabeth Mika, M.A., L.C.P.C.**, of Gifted Resources in Northern Illinois (in the Chicago area), specializes in assessment of gifted children and counseling for gifted adults. Her professional interests include creativity, learning differences and learning styles, multiple exceptionalities, moral and emotional giftedness, Dabrowski's Theory of Positive Disintegration, and mental health and socio-emotional development of gifted children and adults.

**M. Elizabeth Nielsen, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor of Special Education at the University of New Mexico and served as the coordinator for the Gifted Education Teacher Training program focusing much of the 25 years on gifted populations with disabilities.

**L. Dennis Higgins, Ed.D.**, is a teacher of twice-exceptional children with the Albuquerque Public Schools. He has authored and co-authored numerous articles and several book chapters and videos that focus on twice exceptional learners.

**Rosina Gallagher, Ph.D., NCSP**, is a licensed psychologist and nationally certified school psychologist. A former administrator of gifted programs in the Chicago Public Schools, she serves as President of the national nonprofit organization, SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) and President-Elect of IAGC, and is adjunct faculty in Gifted Ed Program at Northeastern Illinois University.

**Cathy Risberg, M.A.**, is an educational consultant. Her company, Minds That Soar, LLC, she provides academic advocacy services for gifted and twice-exceptional children and their families. She is adjunct faculty member for the Technology in Education program at National Louis University in Wheeling, Illinois.

**Laura Paull, M.A., NBCT**, is the Coordinator of Gifted 5 – 8, Intervention Specialist 5 – 8, and Staff Development K – 8 in Lake Forest School District 67. She has worked with gifted for over 15 years and has presented workshops on Visual-Spatial learners, Executive Functioning disorders, and Differentiation.

Registration Form for Outside of the Box Gifted  
Tuesday, June 22, 2010 & Wednesday, June 23, 2010

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 New Member fee  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$299  
IAGC Non-members  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$350

Coffee and rolls are included in the cost of the seminar; lunch is on your own.  
No refunds will be made after the beginning of the class. A \$25 handling fee will be  
charged for all cancellations. 12 CPDU's available.

To register please fill out the form and mail with your check made to Lake  
Forest School District 67 to:  
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Date: Tuesday & Wednesday, June 22 & 23, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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