



I look forward to serving and walking alongside educators, families, and students to problem solve ways to increase rewards and decrease challenges both at school and home.

Professional Development Opportunities

1. **Every Child Can Learn:** Looking beyond the student's disabilities and behaviors and creating opportunities for success for all students
2. **Engagement is Imperative:** Students must be engaged in their learning and throughout the day. Explore how time and activities can be maximized to prevent off task behavior and enhance focus and attention.
3. **Structure is for Everyone:** Explore the benefits of structure for all learners and the teams that serve them.
4. **The Value of Visuals:** Visuals are highly effective in teaching content, teaching behavioral and learning expectations, and diminishing unwanted behaviors due to anxiety and fear. Learn how to use tools already available to create simple and effective visuals.
5. **Differentiation is Not just for Academics:** For students with special needs, differentiation goes beyond academics. Learn how to effectively differentiate schedules, visuals, communication tools, and more for optimum benefit to students.
6. **The Art of Teaching Reading and Writing to Students with Significant Cognitive Challenges:** All students should be exposed to literacy and the tools that will grow their understanding of alphabet, print, communication, and the joy of reading. Make learning fun with some interactive hands-on ideas.
7. **WH Questions:** Comprehending these abstract WH questions is challenging to many students. Making abstract concepts more concrete will help students grasp the concepts more quickly. Learn to create visuals and incorporate them in literacy activities for greater success.
8. **Bridging the Gap Between Home and School:** Explore ways to optimize communication and relationships between home and school.
9. **The Battle with Behaviors:** Explore a variety of challenging behaviors and ways to mitigate them. Learn to deter unwanted behavior, understand why many behaviors occur, and bring about positive behavioral change.
10. **Sensory Solutions:** Explore a variety of ways to use sensory integration throughout the school day for students. Understand ways to use gross and fine motor options, when to incorporate these activities, and what impacts they can have on student performance.
11. **Inclusion Benefits Everyone:** Explore ways to include students with special needs into varied environments for maximum benefit. Look at how inclusion benefits the general education students. Learn to maximize relationship building between special education and general education staff and the students they serve.