



2017 TCFEF Conference

Part of the TCFEF Summer Conference Series

June 20th 1pm - 6pm

West Central Regional Conference

Cutter Morning Star School

2801 Spring St.

Hot Springs, AR 71901

Agenda

1:00 - 1:15 Introduction to TCFEF

1:15 - 2:10 "Dyslexia" (For Teachers) with Audie Alumbaugh

1:15 - 2:10 Effective Advocacy (For Parents) - Robin Thomas, SWA Parent Mentor

2:15 - 3:10 "Dyslexia" (For Parents) with Audie Alumbaugh

3:15 - 4:10 Parent Panel

4:15 - 5:10 "Suicide Prevention" with Danna Wolters

5:15 - 6:10 "CAYSI" with Jana Villemez

Speakers

Audie Alumbaugh - Presentations: "Dyslexia" - Professor at UCA (Retired)

Audie Alumbaugh cofounded the Arkansas Dyslexia Support Group. With the passing of the first Dyslexia law 2013 and its amendments in 2015, Audie recognized the need to help students, parents, and teachers navigate the law and insure compliance. She travels the state and advocates for students who have dyslexia, provides professional development for schools, and maintains the support group. All of these are done for free.

Danna Wolters - Presentation: "Suicide Prevention" AFSP Teen Mental Counselor

I am currently a Master of Social Work student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where I graduated with my Bachelor of Social Work degree last spring. In addition to being a Junior Board member with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), I am also the Surrogate Parent for the Greenbrier Public School District. My husband and I have three daughters ages 28, 25, and 20. Our youngest daughter has Asperger's Syndrome along with major depression and anxiety. Advocating for my daughter has provided me with valuable insight and experience in navigating the complexities of programs and services available to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Jana Villemez, LCSW Presentation: "CAYSI - Children and Youth with Sensory Impairment"

Family Consultant CAYSI Arkansas Department of Education

Jana Villemez, LCSW, is the Family Consultant for CAYSI – Children And Youth with Sensory Impairments. Under the Special Education Unit for Arkansas Department of Education, Jana has a background in Social Work. For the last 7 years she has supported the families who have children with combined vision and hearing and other disabilities. Her primary work has been in connecting parents through parent groups, home visits, and parent trainings, increasing their knowledge and capacity to provide a high quality of life for their child and family. She also works closely with CAYSI's Education Consultant and other professionals who work with children who have more complex needs.

Jana will be sharing an overview of CAYSI's program for children and their families with dual sensory impairments in addition to providing participants with various simulations of what it might feel like to have combined vision and hearing loss, how that impacts one's ability to learn, and what type of intervention is needed.

Conferences are FREE --- Must register to attend!

Email Shelby.Knight@tcfef.org to register with your name, # of guests, address, phone number, child's disability/age, and which conference(s) you are attending. Thank you!