



**Be
INformed,
INvolved
&**

INcluded...

In the premiere learning event on inclusive education practices in Texas...See why The Arc of Texas' Inclusion Works conference is a sellout year after year...Come to IW to learn ways to make your campus a community where:

- Disability is recognized as only one of many attributes possessed by each child;
- All students with disability labels are members of the general education community;
- Students receive special education services and supports in general education settings;
- Students with disability labels are involved and making progress in enrolled grade level curriculum based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); and
- Special educators and general educators work together in general education settings to meet students' needs.

Helping You Get Registered For Inclusion Works 2010 • February 10-13, 2010 •



REGISTRATION

Registration and Payment Deadline: January 29, 2010

The conference usually sells out before the deadline-January 29, 2010- REGISTER EARLY!

Registration Fees:

Professionals - \$200

Parents and Students - \$75

A limited number of parent stipends are available for registration and hotel - see on line registration form for stipend information

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 26th

Click here for the online registration form

Complete the online registration form, print it and mail or fax with payment as per online directions. Purchase Orders (POs) are accepted, but DO NOT hold your registration. ONLY full payment by check or credit card completes the registration process. The easiest way to register and pay is as an individual with a credit card. Every payment is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

CONFIRMATION NOTICES will be sent by e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation of registration, stipend, transfer or cancellation, call us at (800) 252-9729 or (512) 454-6694.

REFUNDS/REGISTRATION TRANSFERS AND CANCELLATIONS

A full refund, less a \$50 administrative fee, will be made **only if written or faxed notice is received at The Arc 512-454-4956 8001 Centre Park Dr., Suite 100 Austin, Texas 78754 before January 29, 2010.**

Telephone cancellations will not be accepted.

Registration may be transferred to another person only if arrangements are made before January 29, 2010.

WHAT YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

- **Full conference registration** for professionals, students and parents includes the Wednesday Conference Kick-Off and workshops all three days; Continental breakfasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and Happy Hour snacks on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- **Principals' Academy registration is open to campus and district administrators only and includes all full conference benefits; on FRIDAY (new this year...we usually work with the Academy on Thursday), you will attend the academy, where you will be served lunch. **Principals and District Administrators must register for the Principals' Academy on the registration form.****

Attention Parents!

Inclusion Works invites and encourages parents to attend the **full conference**. Our goal is to help you get your children included in school and in life. You are welcome to and should attend workshops designed mostly for educators so you can learn about educational techniques and strategies that may be applicable for your children. On Saturday, we will offer several workshops designed especially for parents. To further support your effort to attend, we offer financial help in the form of stipends for registration fee and hotel costs; be sure to see the details and mark on your registration form if you need these services.

**New Time
This Year!**

WEDNESDAY 4:30-6:30
Opening Master Session Dan Habib
INCLUDING SAMUEL

Opening Master Session

Join **Dan Habib** as he premieres the documentary film ***Including Samuel*** and a discussion of the current state of inclusive schooling practices

Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Shot and produced over four years, Habib's award-winning documentary



film, *Including Samuel*, chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives. The film honestly portrays his family's hopes and struggles as well as the experiences of four other individuals with disabilities and their families. *Including Samuel* is a highly personal, passionately photographed film that captures the cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion.

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Helping You Get Lodging For Inclusion Works! 2010

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**The Renaissance Austin Hotel 9721 Arboretum
Blvd**



in the Scenic Arboretum...

**...IS INCLUSION WORKS 2010
CONFERENCE SITE**

and the location for all conference activities.

**The special conference room rate is \$149-179
per room** (single, double, triple & quad) until Friday January 22, 2010 **or
sellout**, whichever comes first.

Please make hotel reservations AFTER you register for the conference.

For reservations, call (512) 343-2626; identify yourself as a conference
participant.

After Friday January 22, 2010 or in the event that the conference room block
sells out, the conference rate **will not be available**.

Nestled in the stunning
Arboretum Hills, the Renaissance
Austin Hotel features a tranquil
environment surrounded by nature
trails, more than 50 specialty shops
& boutiques plus a variety of
restaurants. From the dramatic
nine-story atrium to the stylish,
oversized rooms, this hotel offers
luxurious accommodations and
indulgent amenities.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:

- Hotel rates are subject to all applicable local taxes. Please supply your own tax-exempt form at check-in.
- All special requests are subject to availability.
- The hotel requires a credit card or a check for the first night's room rate (plus taxes) to guarantee reservations for each room.
- The hotel also requires a credit card imprint or cash deposit for incidentals at check-in.
- **Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before arrival date to avoid charges.**

A special request from The Arc of Texas:

**Financial consequences incur to The Arc of Texas and to other conference participants if rooms are reserved
and go UNUSED.**

**In an effort to prevent people holding big blocks of rooms and not registering for the conference and/or
canceling after the hotel cut-off date**

ONLY TWO ROOMS MAY BE HELD PER NAME OR CREDIT CARD

**Please book only the hotel rooms that you are sure you will
use and cancel right away if you will not need one.**

RENAISSANCE HOTEL ONSITE PARKING & OFFSITE PARKING WITH SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary parking is available for 600 vehicles at the Renaissance; we encourage carpools so more
conference participants can park onsite. Valet parking is also available for \$14/day. Off-site parking with
shuttle service to the Renaissance will also be available. Continue to watch the website for more
information on parking.

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Helping You Get the Most from the Program

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You'll Learn:

How to provide access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities using the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

How to support students with disability labels in inclusive settings-including Assistive technology and school-wide positive behavior interventions & supports.

How to improve your skills in planning, collaboration and co-teaching.

How to write and implement enrolled grade level standards based IEPs.

Tentative Conference Agenda

Wednesday, February 10

3:30-6:30 p.m. Registration & Exhibit Openings

4:30-6:30 Opening Master Session INCLUDING SAMUEL with Dan Habib and Special Guests

Thursday & Friday, February 11 & 12

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration

7:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:00-9:15 a.m. Rise and Shine Sessions

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Principals' Academy (FRIDAY Only)

9:30-11:30 a.m. Master and Breakout Sessions

11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Master and Breakout Sessions

3:00-3:30 p.m. Happy Hour Break with Exhibitors

3:30-5:00 p.m. Happy Hour Breakout Sessions

Saturday, February 13

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:30 a.m. Master and Breakout Sessions

10:45 a.m.-12:45p.m. Master and Breakout Sessions

Inclusion Works! Master Sessions:

Master Sessions are cornerstones of the Inclusion Works! program. These active learning sessions are designed to inspire, teach and encourage. Everyone should attend the Master Sessions...

Inclusion Works is honored to welcome **Dr. Paula Kluth** back to Inclusion Works as a Master Session Presenter. Paula wears many hats... consultant, teacher, author, advocate, and independent scholar; she works with teachers and families to provide inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities and to create more responsive and engaging schooling experiences for all learners. Her research and professional interests include differentiating instruction, and supporting students with autism and significant disabilities in inclusive classrooms.



A former special educator, Paula has served as a classroom teacher, consulting teacher, and inclusion facilitator. She is the author of *“You’re Going to Love This Kid”: Teaching Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom*; the lead editor of *Access to Academics: Critical Approaches to Inclusive Curriculum, Instruction, and Policy*, and the co-author of four upcoming texts: *A Land We Can Share: The Literate Lives of Students with Autism*; *Joyful Learning: Active and Collaborative*

Structures for the Inclusive Classroom; *You’re Welcome: 30 Innovative Ideas for Inclusive Schools*, and *Just Give Him the Whale: 20 Ways to Support & Honor the Interests of Students with Autism*.

Dr. Douglas Fisher has long been absent from Inclusion Works and we cheer his return loud and long! Doug is Professor of Language and Literacy Education in the Department of Teacher Education at San Diego State University and a classroom teacher at Health Sciences High & Middle College. He is a member of the California Reading Hall of Fame and is the recipient of an International Reading Association Celebrate Literacy Award, the Farmer award for excellence in writing from the National Council of Teachers of English, as well as a Christa McAuliffe award for excellence in teacher education. He has published numerous articles on improving student achievement as well as books, such as *Creating Literacy-rich Schools for Adolescents* (with Gay Ivey), *Checking for Understanding* (with Nancy Frey) and *Content-Area Conversations* (with Carol Rothenberg and Nancy Frey).



Another friend of Inclusion Works returning after some years, **Toby Karten** is an experienced educator who has worked in the field of special education since 1976. Ms. Karten’s experience in teaching teachers is broad, ranging from being a mentor and resource support teacher in New Jersey, to designing a graduate course entitled *Skills and Strategies for Inclusion and disABILITY Awareness* & training instructors in three states to teach it. She is an adjunct professor and has presented at local, state, national, and international staff development workshops and conferences. You will find several of her books and resources about inclusion practices at the National Professional Resources (NPR) Author’s Tables.

Toby Karten’s Master Session

Embracing disABILITIES in Inclusive Environments Inclusion is no longer a philosophy or a buzzword, but a classroom reality. This session will present practical ways to appropriately implement instructional strategies to help all students within inclusive classrooms succeed in school and beyond. Focus of session will be on embracing students’ strengths and potentials to meet curriculum demands with positive attitudes, teacher preparation, appropriate scaffolding, data documentation, reflections, and collaborative home and school support systems. The ultimate goal of inclusive classroom practices is to correlate individualized student profiles with heterogeneous classroom dynamics that yield societal dividends to embrace and honor not only the principles of inclusion, but most important the abilities of all students.



The Principals' Academy

The Principals' Academy is a one-of-a-kind learning event that provides administrators the skills and inspiration to lead faculty and staff in implementing more inclusive education practices.

In 2010, Inclusion Works is proud to announce the return of a most knowledgeable and energizing Principal's Academy Faculty member-Dr. Ervin Knezek, Deputy Executive Director

Div: Academic Services, Education Service Center Region 13. offers district and campus level administrators the opportunity to

review the basics of leading staff toward more inclusive practices with an eye on what the future holds...a new state assessment system, continued emphasis on raising achievement levels for all students, the challenges of leading on campuses where student diversity is ever-increasing.

Principals' Academy Registration is open to campus and district administrators only.

This year's Principals Academy will be held on **FRIDAY, Feb. 12.**

Principals' Academy registration includes registration for the full conference - Wednesday Master Session and kick off, and all sessions on Thursday and Saturday- On Fri. Feb. 12 you will attend a special all day (9 am – 4 pm) session just for campus and district administrators. Lunch will be provided.

Principals and District Administrators must register for the Principals' Academy on the registration form.



You can't MAKE this happen. These smiles come from shared experiences when kids learn & play together over time. That's all inclusion is about...Do I belong? Who are my friends? What do we do together?

No one needs to write another book on how to do it. We know what to do. Assure membership, participation and learning for ALL. The question isn't "HOW do we do it?" The question is "WHY aren't we doing it for every child with a disability label RIGHT NOW?"

...Best-Practices

Presenters on:

- _ Brain Research
- _ Co-Teaching
- _ Including Students With:
 - Significant Disabilities
 - Emotional Disabilities
 - Autism
 - Learning Disabilities
- _ Standards-Based IEPs
- _ Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- _ Differentiating Instruction and Inclusive Education
- _ Inclusive Practices at the Preschool & Secondary Level
- _ R.T.I. (Response To Intervention)
- _ Transition
- _ Self-Advocacy
- _ and MUCH MORE...

...And World-Class Presenters Invited:

Dr. Marilyn Friend
Dr. Millie Gore
Dr. June Downing
Dr. Michael Remus
Cara Shores
Lisa Kirby
Dawn White
Tyler Greene

New This Year...Making Inclusion Work with Assistive Technology

In collaboration with IW favorites Kirk Behnke & Tricia Peters & a new face at IW, Cindy Miller and The Region 4 Education Service Center, with great enthusiasm, Inclusion Works presents

The IW Assistive Technology Lab!

Come explore low and high tech devices designed to provide access to the general curriculum and to curricular activities for students with disabilities.

We can't WAIT to see what Kirk, Tricia & Cindy have in store for us!

Registration Opens October 26th!

[Click Here to Register](#)