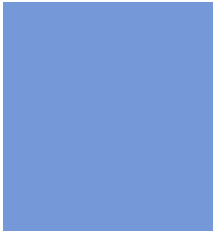


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July 20-22, 2011  
Peoria Civic Center  
Peoria, Illinois

# Special Education Directors' Conference

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is pleased to announce that the annual conference will be held at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Illinois on July 20-22, 2011.

Directors and members of their staff are invited to take advantage of this statewide opportunity for the advancement of all children.

This year, the conference will be set up in the following strands:

- General – Keynote Follow-Up, Common Core Standards, Autism Speaks, Bullying
- IEP – Foundation Level Transition, IEP File Review, Indicators 7 and 12 Outcomes
- Technology – Assistive Technology Presentations
- Fiscal – Federal Grant Distribution, Part B Flow Through and Preschool Funding, IDEA Part B Grants, Grant Assistance
- Data – Calendar/Planning Guide, DAC Pilot Information, State Board Data Overview

## Projected Conference Overview

### **Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.      General Update Session  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.      Registration/Information Desk Open

### **Thursday, July 21, 2011**

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.      Registration/Information Desk Open  
7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.      Continental Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.      Opening Session, Keynote Speaker  
10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.      Exhibit Area Open  
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.      Break  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.      Workshops  
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.      Luncheon  
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.      Workshops  
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.      Break  
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.      Workshops  
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.      Break  
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.      Workshops  
4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.      Evening Networking Event in Exhibit Area

### **Friday, July 22, 2011**

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.      Information Desk Open  
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.      Breakfast Buffet  
8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.      General Session, Special Guest Speaker  
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.      Break  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.      General Session, Special Education Legal Update



**Opening Session**  
**Thursday, July 21, 2011**  
**8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**  
**Hall D, Street Level**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Melinda Jacobs, Esquire**

**Melinda Jacobs** is an attorney in private practice who has worked in the field of special education law since 1985. Since 1996, she has exclusively represented school systems in special education matters pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and related laws. Ms. Jacobs formerly served as an attorney in the Office of Special Education Programs for the Tennessee Department of Education and as Associate Publisher for Education and Disability Publications for LRP Publications.

In addition to her frequent national, state, and local presentations, Melinda has authored several publications and articles on special education law, and has written and produced a series of audiotapes and videotapes on the implementation of the laws governing the provision of special education and related services. Ms. Jacobs is a member of the Special Education School Attorneys Advisory Council, and serves as Chairperson of the LRP National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Students with Disabilities. Her “down to earth” and practical presentation style, combining humor and song, makes legal information accessible and understandable for educators, parents, and other professionals in the field.

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**Friday, July 22, 2011**  
**8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**  
**General Session, Hall D, Street Level**

**Special Guest Speaker**  
**LeDerick Horne**  
**Poet and Motivational Speaker**



**LeDerick Horne** discovered his gift for poetry while attending college in central New Jersey. Early on in his career as a poet, LeDerick helped organized several open-mics in central Jersey and performed at many venues throughout the Tri-State area. In the late 90’s LeDerick and two other New Jersey writers formed a group called *The Trinity Poets*. The group was initially very successful, but after several years of performing together, members of *The Trinity Poets* separated to pursue independent interests. Over the past few years LeDerick has become a nationally recognized motivational speaker and advocate for people with disabilities. He now uses his poetic talent to help empower and educate people who attend his presentations. LeDerick co-produced, co-directed, co-wrote, and performed in an original spoken word play loosely based on his experiences organizing open mics. The play, which was staged in the spring of 2006, is called *New Street Poets*. In 2005 Certified Organik Records released LeDerick Horne’s first CD, *Rhyme Reason and Song*. This CD features 13 of LeDerick’s poems set to music.

## Registration Guidelines

State-approved directors of special education, local directors of special education, general education administrators, curriculum coordinators, assessment coordinators, data coordinators/analysts, directors of regional or state agency programs, administrators of non-public special education facilities, the chairperson or designee of the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC), the coordinator of the state technical assistance center for parents, and a representative from each of the parent mentor projects are cordially invited to attend the conference. Each nonpublic special education facility may register one participant. The conference is limited to 1,000 registrants.

**Registration Fee: \$120.00 (deadline July 15, 2011)**

**No refunds after July 15, 2011**

Your registration fee includes keynote presentation, guest speaker presentation, conference sessions, breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings, Thursday lunch, evening networking event, and conference materials. Checks only, please – we are not able to accept purchase order or credit card payments. **Please note that the conference fee has increased to \$120.00 this year.**

### Important Registration and Cancellation Information

- Your registration fee must be received by the close of business on Friday, July 15, 2011 or your registration will be cancelled. You will be notified of the cancellation via e-mail.
- If you register and find that you cannot attend the conference, you must cancel your registration by Friday, July 15, 2011 to avoid paying the full conference fee of \$120.00.
- To cancel a registration, please send an e-mail to [lsmith@isbe.net](mailto:lsmith@isbe.net).
- There will be NO on-site registration, and funds will not be accepted after July 15, 2011.

All registration for the Special Education Directors' Conference will be done on-line via the Illinois State Board of Education website at <http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference/>. Below you will find a few important reminders for processing your registration:

- While there is no fee for the evening reception, please check the appropriate box if you are planning to attend.
- When your registration information has been entered and submitted, you will be assigned a confirmation number. Please print two copies of this page. Keep one for your records and mail one with your check to the Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street, N-253, Springfield, IL 62777-0001.
- Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE), the fiscal agent for the conference.

### Peoria Hotel Reservations

#### **Holiday Inn City Centre (soon to be the Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Peoria)**

500 Hamilton Boulevard

Phone: 309-740-2362

Group: *Illinois State Board of Education*

<http://hidowntownpeoria-px.rtrk.com/>

Rate: \$101 + tax

Free parking

**Reservation deadline – June 15, 2011**

#### **Hotel Pere Marquette**

501 Main Street

Phone: 309-637-6500

Group: *Illinois State Board of Education*

[www.hotelperemarquette.com](http://www.hotelperemarquette.com)

Rates: \$102.00 + tax

Free parking

**Reservation deadline – June 28, 2011**

### Special Accommodations or Questions Regarding the Conference

Please contact Leigh Ann Smith at the Illinois State Board of Education at 217/782-5589, or via e-mail at [lsmith@isbe.net](mailto:lsmith@isbe.net), by Friday, July 1, 2011, if you require an interpreter or other special accommodations. Other questions regarding the conference may also be addressed to Leigh Ann Smith.