



FDLRS HEARTLAND'S NEWSLETTER

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Serving: DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, and Highlands Counties
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Before we know it...2017-18 school year will be going, going, gone!! It will be another year in the record books for all of you out there. We can only hope that each student progressed and enjoyed doing so. Summer is a time to refresh and rejuvenate in order to start the whole process over again in August.

We are closing our fiscal year with Katie Novak, a nationally known expert on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). The conference will be held in Lake Placid. There is a flyer in the newsletter with registration information. We hope that you will make sure it is on your calendar to attend.

On the horizon for the 2018-19 school year, we are planning Kagan trainings geared toward teachers with advanced & high-achieving students, behavior/discipline presentations featuring Larry Thompson and Jed Baker, and a workshop on Tourette's Syndrome. Book mark our website (www.heartlanded.org/fdlrs) to stay on top of all the exciting happenings for the new school year!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to serving our districts of DeSoto, Glades, Hendry and Highlands counties again next year!

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CHECK AND CONNECT TRAINER

Rebecca Cox received her Check and Connect Trainer Certification this school year. Check and Connect is a national program developed by the University of Minnesota in response to the disproportional number of special education students dropping out of high school in comparison to general education students.

The four components of Check and Connect are: the mentor, the check, the connect, and engagement with families.

According to the What Works Clearinghouse (2015), Check and Connect is the only dropout prevention intervention to show positive effects for staying in school. Florida's State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) supports the implementation of this program across the state of Florida. Hendry, DeSoto, and Highlands counties have Check and Connect programs in some of their schools.



If you are interested in increasing your pool of mentors, learning more about this program or need a refresher, please contact Rebecca Cox at rebecca.cox@heartlanded.org or 863 531 0444 x232, to set up a training.



Joyce Dean and Rebecca Cox will be presenting at the 20th Annual Family Café this June in Orlando, Florida. The Café is a three day event designed to present information and provide networking opportunities for people with disabilities, their families, and professionals in Florida. There will be over one hundred exhibitors and 150 information sessions. The ladies will be offering a session entitled "A Parent's Tool Kit for Actively

Engaging in the IEP Process" where parents will receive a toolbox to organize their paperwork. There are room and conference scholarships available to families who would like to attend.

Interested families and professionals can visit the website at www.familycafe.net. We hope to see you there!

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2018**

**REGISTER @
10-11 AM ET
bit.ly/ParentDigiToolsAM
7-8 PM ET
bit.ly/ParentDigiToolsPM**

**10-11 AM ET
OR
7-8 PM ET**

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THIS ONLINE WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A LEARNING DISABILITY. IT INCLUDES DISCUSSION OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING (UDL) AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT) CONSIDERATIONS AND EXPLORES FREE GOOGLE EXTENSIONS, FREE SOFTWARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY BUILT-IN TO COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS.

DIGITAL TOOLS TO SUPPORT LEARNING





FREE
Gifted Education Class
Required Class for Your
Gifted Endorsement



Guidance and Counseling for the Gifted Student

This course will provide an overview of the characteristics and needs of gifted students. We will look at the relationship between developmental theories and the guidance and counseling of gifted using a variety of instructional techniques which include multimedia, outside research, guest speakers, class discussion, and individual projects.

Instruction will take place at:

Hill-Gustat Middle School

4700 Schumacher Rd.

Sebring, Florida

Times: 8:00 - 3:00

Dates: Monday June 4th- Friday June 8th

Internet/Independent Assignments to Complete 60 Hours of Inservice

Requirements: Classroom attendance, Independent Homework, class projects, post-test.

Appropriate Participants: Teachers of the gifted, Advanced Academics,
General Education Teachers K-12, Honors, etc.

If you are interested in attending,

FAX REGISTRATION TO FDLRS Heartland at 863-531-0425

HIGHLANDS COUNTY: REGISTER IN ERO SRN#20180251003

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Registration Form

Guidance and Counseling for the Gifted Student
Sponsored by FDLRS Heartland - Lake Placid, Florida

JUNE 4, 2018 - JUNE 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Class Location: Hill-Gustat Middle School

4700 Schumacher Road Sebring, Florida

Registration Deadline May 29, 2018

Please **print** name: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ County _____ ESE () Yes () No

Teaching Assignment: _____

Home Address: _____

() Primary e-mail _____ () Alternate e-mail _____

() Home phone: _____ () Work phone: _____

Email addresses and phone numbers are requested so the course instructor can contact you, if needed.
Please check (✓) in the box above, the best way to contact you.

I will use this training in the following way(s):

() To understand school-wide data and use it to improve instruction at my school

() To understand classroom data and use it to guide instruction in my classroom

() To understand individual data and use it to differentiate instruction for my students.

I understand that in order to receive professional development credit for this course, I must attend the complete presentation and the required follow up assignments in a timely manner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

****Highlands must register in ERO: SRN#20180251003****

Fax to FDLRS Heartland at 863-531-0425

8 SWD Points

June 6th / 8:30am - 3:30pm



Universal Design for Learning



Registration:

Highlands: ERO #20180996012
Glades, Hendry,
DeSoto: Email to Register

Katie Novak

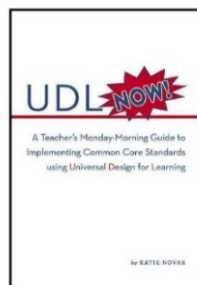
Guest Speaker

How to implement UDL in
your
classroom.



1096 US Highway 27N
Lake
Placid, FL

863-531-0444



Contact Information:

Melissa Carle and Kerry Lanier

melissa.carle@heartlanded.org

3-DAYS OF TRAINING.... EARN 21 SWD POINTS!

June 12, 13, & 14 8:30-3:30

Take one, two, or all three courses

@ HEC/ FDLRS Heartland
1076 US Hwy 27 N
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Call Stephanie Moreo: 863-531-0444 ext 233

or email: smoreo@contactfin.com

**DeSoto, Glades, and Hendry counties:
Call or email Stephanie for reservations
863-531-0444 ext 233
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DAY ONE: JUNE 12

Building Inclusive
Schools

ERO course code
SWD-0967-2

DAY TWO: JUNE 13

Collaborative Teaching

ERO course code
SWD-0975-2

DAY THREE: JUNE 14

Small Group Learning
Strategies

ERO course code
SWD-1011-2



Reminder!

**Florida's 2017-2018
ESE Parent Survey**

February 1 – May 31

Parents!

**We need your help to make Florida's 2017-2018
ESE Parent Survey a record success.**

Each year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) surveys parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education. All states must collect this data as part of their State Performance Plan, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Make your voice heard!

The web-based survey opened February 1, 2018.

You can complete the survey online at <http://www.esesurvey.com> or request a paper survey from your child's school.

Your feedback is important in helping the state and local school systems continue improving educational programs for children with special needs. Thank you!

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SURVEY, PLEASE
CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT ESE DIRECTOR**