

# ECHO SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

In Collaboration With

**La Rabida Children's Hospital and Rehab Tech**

Presents...



## **Symposium Overview**

*The symposium, "Restoring Hope" is scheduled for April 24, 2009 at the Oak Lawn Hilton. This very special event is presented in cooperation with La Rabida Children's Hospital and Rehab Tech. The symposium will offer a full day of workshops on topics related to innovative practices in educational programming for children with disabilities, assistive technology, transition planning, issues regarding diagnostic matters, community partnerships and the implications of social dynamics on the health and wellness of children with disabilities. Represented that day will be vendors showcasing products and equipment, as well as community resources.*

## **Who Should Attend:**

The Symposium has been designed for educators and health care professionals who serve children in the educational setting.

- Educators
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Parents
- Service Coordinators
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Case Managers
- School Administrators

# Program Schedule

7:30 – 8:30	Vendor Mart
7:30 – 8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:40	ECHO Welcome/Opening Remarks: Dr. Dennice Ward-Epstein
8:45 - 9:45	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lisa Thornton
9:45 – 10:15	Tour Vendor Mart/Community Treasures
10:25 – 11:25	<b>TRACK A</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pillars of Support: Innovations in Standing and Ambulation</li><li>2. Impact of Poverty on the Well Being of Children</li><li>3. Twenty Two, Now What?</li><li>4. Diagnoses Seen in School Age Children</li><li>5. Funding for Home Modifications</li></ol>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>TRACK B</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Looking Beyond the Test</li><li>2. Servicing Children with Complex Communication Needs</li><li>3. Twenty Two, Now What? (cont'd)</li><li>4. The Nuts &amp; Bolts of IEP Preparation: Goal Writing, Relevance to State Standards</li><li>5. How to Modify your Home</li></ol>
12:30 – 1:15	LUNCH
1:15 - 1:45	Panel Discussion <i>Moderator: Lee Burklund</i> <i>Panel Members: Mary Mayer, Dr. Dennice Ward-Epstein, Dr. Lisa Thornton, Parent Representative</i>
1:45 - 2:00	Tour Vendor Mart/Community Treasures
2:10 - 3:10	<b>TRACK C</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assistive Technology: Interventions to Access the Curriculum</li><li>2. Equipment: What gets covered? What does not?</li><li>3. Using Movement to Organize the Brain</li><li>4. How Do Students Function: A Team Approach</li><li>5. Connecting Parents to Resources and Advocacy</li></ol>
3:15 - 4:15	<b>TRACK D</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The ABCs of Equipment Justifications and Repairs</li><li>2. Conductive Education@ECHO: From Hungary to Here</li><li>3. From Research to Reality: Teaching Reading to Hearing Impaired Students</li><li>4. Technology for Vision</li><li>5. Linking Research to Practice – Ultra Flex</li></ol>
4:15 – 4:30	Attendance certificate available @ Registration desk

# Presenters

**Jennifer Armstrong, PhD, CCC-SLP/L**

*Assistant Professor*

**Robert Blomgren, MA**

*Educator – Visually Impaired*

**Lee Burklund, MHS, CCC-SLP/L**

*Principal of ECHO Focus Programs*

**Beto Barrera**

*Housing Team Leader*

**DSCC Representative**

**Lori Bedwell**

*President*

**Ingrid J. Carney, PhD**

*Educational Consultant*

**Barbara Chwierut, MHS, CCC-SLP/L**

*Assistive Technology Coordinator*

**Dave Cingano, ATP**

*Assistive Technology Practitioner*

**Angela Clark, BS**

*Educator Communication Development Program*

**Angela Craig, MHS, CCC-SLP/L**

*Diagnostician Communication Development Program*

**Barb deRamona, LCSW**

*Direct Service Provider*

**Sherry Diekman**

*Educational Therapist*

**Lizandro Felix**

*Vice President*

**Geraldine Harris**

*Educator – FOCUS Program*

**Maureen Healy, PT**

*Direct Service Provider*

**Donna Hurley, PT, DPT**

*Cerebral Palsy Registry Coordinator*

**Cheryl Jurkacek, MHS, CCC-SLP/L**

*Direct Service Provider*

**Karen Krause, MA**

*Educator – Visually Impaired*

**Gary Kulpa, BA**

*Educator-Visually Impaired*

**Julie Lenz, MA**

*Assistant Principal-ECHO Focus Program*

**Ken Malsch**

*Vision Specialist*

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## Presenters (cont.)

<b>Mary Mayer, MS, CVE</b> <i>Transition/Rehabilitation Facilitator</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Linda McGinnis, MSED, ATP</b> <i>Assistive Technology Practitioner</i>	Homer and Will County School Districts
<b>Donna Menard, MHS, CCC-SLP/L</b> <i>Principal of Communication Development Program</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Barbara Moser</b> <i>Marketing and Sales Associate</i>	Accessible Living Ltd.
<b>Camille O'Quin, MHS, CCC-SLP/L</b> <i>Direct Service Provider</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Roberta O'Shea, Ed.D, PT</b> <i>Associate Professor of Physical Therapy</i> <i>Assistive Technology Coordinator</i>	Governors State University
<b>Cindy Patterson</b>	Mobility Works
<b>David Sheldon, MA-SLP/L</b> <i>Communication Development Program</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Jan Stepanczuk, LCSW</b> <i>Direct Service Provider</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Erika Stone</b> <i>Director of Reimbursement</i>	Rehab Tech
<b>Deborah Stracco, PT</b> <i>Senior Physical Therapist</i>	La Rabida Children's Hospital
<b>Rick Taylor, MA</b> <i>Associate Principal ECHO Focus Program</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Lisa Thornton, M.D.</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Pediatrics,</i> <i>Orthopedics and Rehabilitation</i> <i>Medical Director of Pediatric and Adolescent</i> <i>Rehabilitation for Kids Rehab</i>	University of Chicago School of Medicine La Rabida Children's Hospital
<b>Jill Wagner, BA</b> <i>Educator – Visually Impaired</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Alvena Ward, OTR/L</b> <i>Direct Service Provider</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Dennice Ward-Epstein, Ed.D</b> <i>Executive Director</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Jennifer Washington</b> <i>Lead Teacher-Deaf and Hard of Hearing</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Joanne Weaver, PT</b> <i>Direct Service Provider</i>	ECHO Special Education Cooperative
<b>Jason Wenieg</b> <i>Clinical Research Director</i>	Scheck& Siress
<b>Audrey Yasuksawa, MOT, OTR</b> <i>Chief of Occupational Therapy</i> <i>Direct Service Provider</i>	La Rabida Children's Hospital

## Continuing Education Approval

ECHO Joint Agreement is a licensed provider of continuing education for LSWs for 5.0 hours of credit. ECHO Joint Agreement will provide continuing education credit for educators for 5.0 hours of CPDUs. La Rabida Children's Hospital as continuing education sponsor for PTs and OTs, for 5.0 hours of credit. Governors State University is a licensed provider of continuing education for SLPs for 5.0 hours of credit (approval pending).

## Registration Fee and Deadline

Basic Registration fee	\$150.00
Parent Registration fee	\$ 10.00

Payment of \$150.00 must be received by ECHO Special Education Cooperative by April 17th, 2009. Make checks payable to ECHO and please write ECHO Symposium in the memo section of your check. Registration can also be done online at [www.echoja.org](http://www.echoja.org). To download brochure, course, and registration information, please visit the ECHO Special Education Cooperative website.

Registration fee includes tuition, continental breakfast, lunch, and handout materials.

## Registration Policy

*Registration is secured upon receipt of payment. No refunds after April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. No registrations will be accepted without payment.*

## Cancellation Policy

ECHO Special Education Cooperative reserves the right to cancel this course due to insufficient enrollment one week prior to course start date or later, due to speaker cancellation. ECHO Special Education Cooperative is not liable for any travel/hotel expenses incurred by participants, but will issue full course refunds in these cases. An 80% refund will be issued upon receipt of a written request in the office of ECHO Special Education Cooperative one week before course start date. No refunds may be given after this date.

ADA: If you require ADA accommodations, please contact ECHO Special Education Cooperative at (708) 985-4479 at least two weeks before the symposium date so that arrangements can be made.

### *Location and Contact Information*

*The Oak Lawn Hilton is the site for Restoring Hope. It is located at 9333 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, [www.oaklawn.hilton.com](http://www.oaklawn.hilton.com). Discount hotel accommodations are available. The Hotel will hold the Guaranteed Room Rate of \$139.00 until the cut off date of Friday, April 3, 2009. Please call the hotel directly at 708-425-7800 and ask for "In House Reservations" then ask for a room under the [ECHO School District Rate](#).*

*For additional questions about this event, please contact:*

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## Restoring Hope

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Phone number	
E-mail Address	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Organization/School	
Profession (for CEU/CPDU)	

**Select only one of the following for each of the four tracks:**

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Do you require a vegetarian meal?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Registration Fee	Basic Registration Fee—\$150.00      Parent Registration Fee—\$10.00
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When sending a check, make it out to ECHO Joint Agreement. In the memo section of the check, write "Restoring Hope". Print 2 copies of this page - keep one for your records and send the other with your check to:

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