January - June



Parent Education Workshops for Families of Students with **Disabilities**





- behavior transition

 - evaluation
 academics
- learning
- services



For more information: 754-321-3400 FDI RS Parent Services

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ese/html/WORKSHOP.htm

Workshops are held in the morning, evenings and weekends. Target audience for workshops - parents of children ages birth to 22 years

ESE Advisory Council Meeting

ESE Advisory Council offers many resources, assistance and information regarding ESE education. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. ESE Advisory Council welcomes parent participation.

ESE Parent Advisory	Financial Assistance for ESE Parent Conferences/Workshops
Location: Piper High School (small auditorium) 8000 NW 44 th Street, Sunrise, FL	Pending the availability of grant funds, financial support may be provided for families of students with disabilities to attend local, regional, state, or national conferences and workshops that will foster and promote collaborative educational partnerships. Parent requests for assistance are limited to up to \$1,000 per family within a school year. Request an application by contacting
"Meet the Advisory Board" from 6:00 - 6:30 PM Broward ESE Advisory Council General Meetings - 6:30 - 9:00 PM	FDLRS Parent Services at 754-321-3400 or <u>carol.beitler@browardschools.com</u> . Submit a completed application 30 days prior to the conference/workshop.
August 28, 2013February 19, 2014September 25, 2013March 12, 2014October 30, 2013April 23, 2014November 20, 2013May 28, 2014December 18, 2013June 25, 2014January 22, 2014June 25, 2014	 Eligibility: High consideration will be given to those parents who have not previously accessed funds. Priority will also be given to those parents who are actively involved in one or more of the following activities: ESE Advisory Council, School Advisory Council, School Improvement Team, PTA/PTO, Local/State Parent Support Group Organizations, and School Volunteers. Childcare: Childcare expenses may be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$50 per day (or \$8 per hour for a maximum of 6 hours; an original receipt must accompany the reimbursement request). Parents may apply for financial assistance from July 1, 2013—March 1, 2014.
ESE Advisory Website: www.browardeseadvisory.com ESE Advisory Phone #: (954) 383-4028 ESE Advisory Chair: Nathalie Adams - Email: nathalie.adams@ymail.com	RESPITE SERVICES (in-home support for parents) Parents may use respite services to attend a parent workshop, conferences, support group, and/or any activities that provide needed alone time or time with other family members. Families of students with disabilities who receive respite services have the opportunity to get a much-needed break to relax, refresh and renew themselves. Respite services can be received in your home for up to 120 hours a year. Broward Children's center also provides extended stat services at their facility. For more information contact: Broward 211 (24 Hours Crisis helpline) Dial 211 or (954) 537-0211.
Este documento se encuentra disponible en Español. Para obtener una copia, por favor llamar por teléfono al 754-321-3400. Dokiman-sa-a disponib an Kreyòl. Si ou bezwen yon kopi, pa jennen rele (754) 321-3400. Este documento encontra-se disponível em Português. Para obter uma cópia favor telefonar para 754-321-3400.	Interpreter Services: Available for Saturday workshops only (Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Sign Language). Request interpreter services two weeks in advance by contacting FDLRS Parent Services at 754-321-3400 or <u>carol.beitler@browardschools.com</u> . All workshops are for adults only. No childcare is provided.

Registration will be completed on-site at the workshop.

If additional information is needed contact Carol Beitler, FDLRS Parent Services Specialist at 754-321-3400 or email <u>carol.beitler@browardschools.com</u>

ESE Mission Statement:

The division of Exceptional Student Education and Support Services is committed to preparing students for success in a global society.

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6	7 Active Parenting PreK (1) 6:30-8:30pm Mirror Lake	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (1) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El.	15	16 HOT DOCS (1) 6-8pm Plantation El	17	18 Surrogate Parent Training 8-10am BSO Plantation
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Active Parenting PreK (2) 6:30-8:30pm Mirror Lake Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (2) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	22 Active Parenting PreK (Spanish) (1) 6:30-8:30 Hollywood Park Parent Advisory 6:30-9 Piper High	23 Getting Ready for Kindergarten 9-11:30am Building Bridges Preschool – Broward Children's Center 	24 Common Core: What parents need to know 9:30-11:30 TBA HOT DOCS (1) 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center	25
26	27	28 Positive Solutions for Families (1) 6:30-8:30 Norcrest El. Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (3) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm E.	29 Active Parenting Teens (1) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge MS	30 HOT DOCS (3) 6-8pm Plantation El	31 Getting Ready for Kinder 8:30-11:30am Baudhuin School HOT DOCS (2) 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center	

For registration for the daytime series of HOT DOCS, please call Brandy Lilly at 954.728.1083

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Positive Solutions for Families (2) 6:30-8:30 Norcrest El.	5 Active Parenting Teens (2) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge Active Parenting PreK (Spanish) (2) 6:30-8:30 Hollywood Park HOT DOCS (Spanish) (1) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El	6 HOT DOCS (4) 6-8pm Plantation El 7 Keys to Comprehension (1) 6:30-8:30 Indian Ridge MS	7 HOT DOCS (3) 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center	8
9	10	11 Active Parenting PreK (3) 6:30-8:30pm Mirror Lake El. Positive Solutions for Families (3) 6:30-8:30 Norcrest El. Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (1) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	12 Active Parenting Teens (3) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge HOT DOCS (Spanish) (2) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El	13 HOT DOCS (5) 6-8pm Plantation El 7 Keys to Comprehension (2) 6:30-8:30 Indian Ridge MS	14 HOT DOCS (4) 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center	15 Surrogate Parent Training 8-10am BSO Plantation

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NO SCHOOL	Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (2) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	Active Parenting Teens (4) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge Active Parenting PreK (Spanish) (3) 6:30-8:30 Hollywood Park HOT DOCS (Spanish) (3) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El Parent Advisory 6:30-9 Piper High	FDLRS Library Open Lab 9:30a-12:30p Arthur Ashe Campus HOT DOCS (6) 6-8pm Plantation El 7 keys moved	HOT DOCS (5) 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
		Active Parenting Now in 3 (1) 6:30-8:30pm Mirror Lake Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (3) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	Active Parenting Teens (5) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge HOT DOCS (Spanish) (4) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El	HOT DOCS (7) 6-8pm Plantation El	HOT DOCS (6) 9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center	

For registration for the daytime series of HOT DOCS, please call Brandy Lilly at 954.728.1083 For Spanish PreK – register with Maria Robles 754.321.7200

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Active Parenting Now	5 Active Parenting	7 Keys to	7 HOT DOCS (7)	8
		in 3 (2) 6:30-8:30pm Mirror Lake HOT DOCS (1) 6-8pm Maplewood El Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (1) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	Teens (6) 6:30-8:30pm Indian Ridge HOT DOCS (Spanish) (5) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El	Comprehension (3) 6:30-8:30 Indian Ridge MS	9:30-11:30am Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Read! Read to your child, have your child read to you. Re-read favorite books, read to the family pet! (pets love it)		HOT DOCS (2) 6-8pm Maplewood El An Evening of Parent Math Fun! 6-7:30pm Mirror Lake El. Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (2) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	HOT DOCS (Spanish) (6) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El Test Anxiety 5-6pm Piper High School Parent Advisory 6:30-9 Piper High		Potty Training 9am-12pm TBA	Surrogate Parent Training 8-10 BSO Plantation

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Active Parenting Now in 3 (3) 6:30-8:30pm Mirror Lake HOT DOCS (3) 6-8pm Maplewood El Active Parenting Now (Spanish) (3) 6:30-8:30pm Coconut Palm El	HOT DOCS (Spanish) (7) 6:30-8:30p Coral Cove El	7 Keys to Comprehension (4) 6:30-8:30 Indian Ridge MS	NO SCHOOL – TEACHER PLANNING	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	SPRING BREAK!	SPRINK BREAK!	SPRING BREAK!	SPRING BREAK!	SPRING BREAK!	
30	31					

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HOT DOCS (4) 6-8pm Maplewood El	2 Active Parenting PreK (1) 6-8pm Horizon El.	3 Active Parenting Now (1) 6:30-8:30pm Sheridan Hills El.	4	5 "Weekend with the Experts" Understanding Problem Behaviors and Creating Real Life Strategies 9:30 to 12:00 Indian Ridge MS
6	7	8 HOT DOCS (5) 6-8pm Maplewood El	9 Positive Discipline: Mutual Respect & Problem Solving 6-7:30 Sheridan Hills El.	10 Active Parenting Now (2) 6:30-8:30pm Sheridan Hills El.	11	12 Surrogate Parent Training 8-10am BSO Plantation
13 FAMILY FUN NIGHT; Write captions for family photos!	14	15 FDLRS Library Open Lab 9:30a-12:30 Arthur Ashe Campus HOT DOCS (6) 6-8pm Maplewood El	16 Active Parenting PreK (1) 6-8pm Horizon El.	17 Active Parenting Now (3) 6:30-8:30pm Sheridan Hills El.	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 FCAT TESTING THIS WEEK	21 Be sure your child is well rested!	22 HOT DOCS (7) 6-8pm Maplewood El	23 Parent Advisory 6:30-9 Piper High	24 Active Parenting Now (4) 6:30-8:30pm Sheridan Hills El.	25 Surrogate Parent Training 9:30-11:30am Pre-Function Rm - KCW	26
27 FCAT CONTINUES	28	29	30 Active Parenting PreK (1) 6-8pm Horizon El.			

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Active Parenting Now (5) 6:30-8:30pm Sheridan Hills El.	2	3
4 FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Picnic in the backyard, or the living room floor!	5	6	7	8 Active Parenting Now (6) 6:30-8:30pm Sheridan Hills El.	9	10 Surrogate Training 8- 10am BSO Plantation
11	12	13 Brain Gym 6-8pm Oakridge Elementary	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Potty Training 6:30-8:30pm Norcrest El.	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL – TEACHER PLANNING	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27	28 Parent Advisory 6:30-9 Piper High	29	30	31

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				LAST DAY STUDENTS!	Family Café Orlando, FL June 6-8	Family Café Orlando, FL
8 Family Café Orlando, FL	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Parent Advisory 6:30-9 Piper High	26	27	28
29	30					

Workshop Descriptions and Presenters

Active Parenting 1, 2, 3, 4 (Parenting Children Ages 1 to 4) Presenters: Gigi McIntire, Karen Britton, Lisa Hess, Evening, Dr. Robin Thornton, Evening Learn all about developmental stages of preschool aged children, Distinguish three styles of parenting: "too hard", "too soft", and "just right", and Learn the importance of building a parent/child bond, while emphasizing play. Session I: Understand the importance of parent self-care and begin developing a self-care plan. Learn about child development in the preschool years. Session II: Preventing Problems/Define discipline, Understand the importance of choices with young children to prevent misbehavior, Learn the ACT model for redirecting misbehavior, Using rules consistently, and the importance of routines and expressing affection. Session III: Encouraging Positive Behavior/Understand choices and consequences as a discipline method, Handling tantrums, Build awareness of how to encourage children, and Practice methods of encouragement.

Active Parenting NOW! (For Parents of Children Ages 5-12)

This six session Active Parenting series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children into opportunities for arowth. Participants will learn: Styles of parenting; Positive skills for clear, honest communication; Respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; Using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle and BANK method to intervene and build self-esteem; Concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child to resist peer pressure; Problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 4 aoals of your child's behavior; Decreasing power strugales; and Handling anger. Learn how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as alcohol and other drugs. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!

Optional: An online Active Parenting class is also available and allows you "24/7" access for six weeks to all online activities (cost: \$ 49.95). Contact FDLRS parent Services for a financial assistance application, if needed. Join us in cyberspace to receive excellent advice and parenting techniques, access to online resources and videos, and the ability to discuss parenting with other adults around the country. More info available at: http://www.activeparenting.com/BrowardESE

Active Parenting of Teens (For Parents of Children Ages 12-18)

This six session series will provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your child resist peer pressure; problem solving methods including using family meetings and the FLAC method; 5 goals of teen behavior; decreasing power struggles; handling anger; how to become an encouraging parent ... and much more, including important issues such as teens online, bullying, alcohol and other drugs, and depression. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home!

"Common Core: What you Need to Know"

With the transition to common Core State Standards, teachers, students and parents alike are learning about the robust standards that our students need to be prepared and successful for college and career. This overview intended for parents with children with disabilities will provide an overview of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), resources that may be helpful in learning more about the standards and practices, as well as ways we can work together to encourage and foster positive learning environments through this transition. Hands-on activities and videos will be presented for parents as part of the learning process.

A Evening of Parent Math Fun!

Parents will learn how to utilize math aames and experience math at home using the resources from Family Math Games Kit (McGraw-Hill). Parents will learn how to incorporate everyday items from their homes and turn them into basic mathematic concepts as well as increase their child's interest in math through engaging and simple family fun! Each family will receive one Family Math Game Kit, based on grade band of child.

FDLRS Library Open Lab

What is the FDLRS Library? The Library is a free service that loans materials to persons and agencies serving exceptional education students. This includes you, the parent! There is a wealth of materials available for checkout! Tony Dutra, our Region 5 Technology Coordinator at USF in the Florida PS/Rtl TLC project that supports Assistive Technology/Accessible Instructional Materials/Universal Design for Learning (UDL) will be on hand to present on UDL and explain some of the devices currently available for loan from the technology lab for assistive technology contacts. Opportunities for make and take, and meet Carol Beitler, your FDLRS Parent Services Program Specialist and Gladys Martinez, Media Clerk, to discuss any possible materials you may want to checkout.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Presenters: Karen Britton, Lisa Hess Evenings, Sherry Swanson, Daytime

This workshop will provide information on different techniques and support systems to help your child participate, as fully as possible, in the general education curriculum. Accommodations refer to changes in "how" your child is expected to learn and how he/she is tested. Modifications refer to changes in "what" your child is expected to learn. In order to participate successfully in regular classes, many students may only need small changes in the way they are taught or are tested.

Presenter: Kitt Kelleher

Facilitators: Tony Dutra and Carol Beitler

Presenter: Sandra Heberlina

Presenter: Kitt Kelleher

Presenter: Emily Gonzalez-Abreu, Evenina

Helping my Child Cope with Test Anxiety

Presenter: Matt Zeis

This presentation will provide parents a definition of test anxiety, as well as how to recognize the symptoms of test anxiety in their own children. Effective test anxiety reduction techniques will also be discussed.

HOT DOCS (Helping our Toddlers, Developing our Children's Skills)

Presenters: Elizabeth McGettigan and Kathy Carroll, Daytime Dr. Debra Collins, Dale Devier, Adriana D. Liuzzi, Felicia Barrera (Spanish), Evenings

Do you ever feel frustrated with your child? Have you experienced problems with getting your child to sleep, eat, get dressed, take a bath, follow directions, calm down, sit quietly, get into the car, go on errands with you and allow you to change their diaper?

HOT DOCS is a 7-week training for parents of children ages 2-5 years, developed by the University of South Florida Pediatrics Department. This program teaches a problem-solving method to figure out the function or the "why" of kids' problem behaviors. Learn specific prevention strategies and techniques for modifying your child's behavior. The skills we teach in HOT DOCS are applicable to people of all ages, but the examples, stories and videos used focus on children up to five years old. It is recommended parents attend all seven workshops in sequence, because each workshop builds on skills from previous workshops; however, parents may attend any of the workshops in the series.

Padres Activos

Presenter: Victor Mora, Maria Robles

The Spanish-language version of Active Parenting (preschool, elementary and teen version) will be taught in Spanish to provide parents with guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children into opportunities for growth. **Parents must pre-register in advance to attend (call 754-321-3400 or e-mail carol.beitter@browardschools.com)**, as the Spanish workshop may be canceled if a minimum number of participants do not pre-register. The workshops address concerns unique to this audience, including: how parenting practices must fit the society for which we are raising our children; the presence of the extended family in the home; encouraging daughters as well as sons to succeed; and the importance of learning the language of the land. Join us at the next session and see the difference ... as you make positive and realistic changes in your family's daily routine to gain greater happiness in your home! Preschool sessions **1**, **2** and **3** will focus on preschool children ages **1-4**. Participants will learn all about developmental stages of preschool aged children, three styles of parenting: "too hard", "too soft", and "just right", importance of building a parent/child bond while emphasizing play, preventing problems/discipline, redirecting misbehavior, using rules and routines consistently, encouraging positive behavior/understand choices and consequences as a discipline method, handling tantrums, build awareness of how to encourage children, and practice methods of encouragement. Elementary sessions **1**, **2** and **3** will focus on children ages **5-12** and the teen series (sessions **1**, **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, and **6**) will focus on teens ages **12-18**. Participants will learn: styles of parenting; positive skills for clear, honest communication; respectful basic and advanced discipline techniques to teach your child to make better choices resulting in appropriate behavior; using the Think-Feel-Do Cycle to intervene and build self-esteem; concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior and help your c

"Positive Discipline: Mutual Respect & Problem-Solving Strategies"

After decades of research focused on boasting a child's self-esteem to maximize success, the focus has now turned to developing a child's self-control and selfdiscipline. How do we foster self-control and self-discipline in the home? This session defines discipline from a positive perspective, introduces strategies to build mutual respect between parents and children, and includes active problem-solving strategies. Share ideas with other parents and develop a personalized family plan. Nov. 7 (Thurs) 6 to 7:30 at Davie Elementary

Positive Solutions for PreK Families

In this series parents will learn how to promote children's social and emotional skills; understand their children's problem behavior; use key strategies to address challenging behaviors; and implement positive approaches to help children learn appropriate behavior. Positive Solutions for Families is an evidence-based series developed by the Center of the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning at Vanderbilt University. This program promotes the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5.

7 Keys to Comprehension

Presenter: Keondra Pierre-Eaford

Presenter: Lori Sugar

Presenter: Lisa Spencer Hoo, Ph.D.

It's simple: If children don't understand what they read, they will never embrace reading. And that limits what they can learn while in school. This fact frightens parents, worries teachers, and ultimately hurts children. This is a research-based, 4-part series. Parents will gain practical knowledge about the meaningful thinking strategies that proficient readers use. Parents will receive a copy of the book 7 Keys to Comprehension: How to Help your Kids Read it and Get it, by Susan Zimmermann.

16th Annual Family Café

The Annual Family Café is a statewide event designed to meet the informational and networking needs of individuals with disabilities or special health care needs and their families. The annual event provides a truly unique environment, where Floridians can attend educational breakout sessions relevant to their specific needs, interact with government policy makers, network with other families and learn about the wide range of services available to them. The Family Cafe is committed to the belief that better-informed individuals make better decisions for themselves, and our annual event is our way of putting that belief into action. For more information, visit the website www.familycafe.net. Contact Carol Beitler, FDLRS Parent Services Specialist at (754) 321-3400 or email carol.beitler@browardschools.com for a financial assistance application, if needed.

Surrogate Parent Training

Presenters: Carol Beitler, Opal Bennett, Dr. Ellen Breslow, Kimberly DiLuzio, Debbie Winters

This free training will certify you to become a volunteer surrogate parent, and act as an educational advocate for a child who requires Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Services. Surrogate Parents are needed to safeguard the rights of exceptional students. The position requires making informed decisions about the child's educational needs, attending meetings, and monitoring programs much like a parent or guardian would. We are looking for volunteers to become Surrogate Parents - school board employees are exempt.

Toilet Training Preschoolers with Special Needs

Presenter: Lori Sugar

This intensive toilet training program is designed to help parents train children who have not been successful in previous attempts at toilet training. The workshop will address readiness signs, preparation, materials needed, toileting procedures and the coordination between home and school. Presenter: Brian Roselione

Weekend with the Experts:

Understanding Problem Behaviors and Creating Real Life Strategies - Participants will learn to assess the purpose of certain problem behaviors and what to do about them in real life situations. The goal of this training is to expand participants' "tool box" of strategies.



Online Distance Learning Parent Workshops & Resources

FDLRS Parent Services provides information and links to a variety of resources and organizations. To access the Parent Resources list, go to: http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/ese/html/parentservices/relatedps.htm

A Parent's Introduction to Exceptional Student Education in Florida (2012)

http://www.fldoe.org/ese/pdf/ESEParent.pdf

Active Parenting Online Video Library: Enhance Your Parenting Skills from the Comfort of Your Home

Active Parenting is based on psychology principles and is a nationally recognized parent education program. A series of Active Parenting videos are available through the Internet (also available in Spanish). Parents can view any or all of these award-winning video series 24/7 from your own home or anywhere you have access to the Internet. The videos cover a variety of topics focused on the parenting of babies, children, and teens, and include additional resources for stepfamilies and helping children succeed in school. Broward County parents may participate by registering on the Active Parenting website, go to: http://www.activeparentingolc.com, and type in the unique Access Code 4nj67adst4 (Active Parenting will not sell your name or e-mail address). Please share this Access Code with the parents in your community. If you are interested in learning more comprehensive Active Parenting techniques to help your child succeed, register to attend an Active Parenting workshop. Take a Parenting Style Quiz at http://www.activeparenting.com/Parents-Parenting_Style_Quiz

Autism Committee of ESE Advisory Council

ACE is a parent driven group that meets regularly with school administrators to support autism programming in Broward County Public Schools. By working collaboratively at the school and district level, we pledge to promote reasonable student-teacher ratios and proven teaching techniques so that each child on the autistic spectrum may demonstrate continual progress in

an effort to reach his or her potential. Ace is a sub-committee of Exceptional Student Education Advisory Council of Broward County that operates under School Board Policy 1.22.

Website: http://www.acebroward.org

Building Inclusive Schools

Building Inclusive Schools is an on-demand, eLearning module that provides an overview of effective inclusive practices for students with disabilities. The module is comprised of five separate learning sessions that can be viewed or reviewed at any time that is convenient for you! Simply click http://floridainclusionnetwork.com/uploads/fin/inclusiveschools/player.html

For more information, please contact our local FIN facilitator at: <u>barbara.krakower@browardschools.com</u>.

Encouraging the Involvement of Parents of Children with Disabilities: Online Training Modules for Parents

This four-part series was created through a partnership between the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, the State Personnel Development Grant at Florida Gulf Coast University and parents at the Central Florida Parent Center. Each module takes about 15 minutes to complete. To access the modules, go to: <u>http://www.cflparents.org/fgcu/parentinvolvement.ht</u>

Module 1: Why Parent Involvement?

Module 2: High-Quality Parent Involvement

Module 3: Evidence-Based Best Practices

Module 4: What Parents Have to Say on the Subject

Family Cafe

The Family Cafe provides information, networking opportunities and an annual conference for individuals with disabilities and their families. For information on useful web sites, go to: <u>http://www.familycafe.net/</u>

Family Development Guide

The guide provides information on child development, parenting, tools /tips/supports for parents and caregivers and national/state/local resources for family support at http://www.ounce.org/cappacket.asp_(also in Spanish and Creole).

Family Network on Disabilities (FND) Online Tutorials

Take a web-based workshop (24 hours per day/7 days per week) on your own computer from the comfort of your own home. Just like attending a Family Network on Disabilities (FND) workshop ... only from the comfort of your own home! Go to the FND of Florida website (www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp). Viewing each workshop takes about 30 minutes ... but go at your own pace! There are 29 tutorials including a variety of topics: <u>Exceptional Student Education</u> (IDEA/Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Conflict Resolution, IEP, FCAT Accommodations, Collaborative Communication, Related Services, Juvenile Justice and IDEA, Evaluation, Positive Behavior Supports, 504 Plans, Rights and Responsibilities, Self-Determination); <u>Transition from School to Community</u> (Transition, Olmstead disability civil rights term/person's right to choose where they live, From IEP to IPE/Individualized Plan for Employment, Rehabilitation Act, Assistive Technology, Why the Arts/Career in the Arts/career interests); <u>Trusts and Special Needs Planning</u> (Tools for Independence, Involve the Whole Family), and <u>Parent Involvement</u> (Bullying, Helping with Homework, Impact on Family and Community, Father's Involvement, A Compact for Reading, Understanding Your Child's Learning Styles, Effective Parent Conferences, Family Literacy). The Family Network on Disabilities (FND) of Broward County may be reached at: (754) 321-1705 (fndbroward@hotmail.com).

Florida Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC)

The Florida PIRC at the University of South Florida provides information to increase parents' knowledge, skills, and confidence in becoming engaged in their children's education. Tip Sheets provide information about a variety of topics related to the important role parents play in their children's academic achievement (also available in Creole and Spanish). http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu/resources/tips.htm

Learn the Signs. Act Early

It's time to change how we view a child's growth. Her first tooth! And she's babbling! It's natural to measure your child's height and weight. But you should measure other ways your child is growing, too. From birth to 5 years, there are milestones your child should reach in terms of how she plays, learns, speaks, and acts. A delay in any of these areas could be a sign of a developmental problem, even autism. The good news is, the earlier it's recognized the more you can do to help your child reach her full potential. Talk with a doctor, nurse or teacher about your child's total development. For more information call 1-800-CDC-INFO or go to www.cdc.gov/actearly.

In Broward County, call Child Find at 754-321-2204 for FREE screenings (birth to age 5).

Little Kids, Big Questions: A Parenting Podcast Series From ZERO TO THREE

ZERO TO THREE's podcast series on Early Childhood Development, Little Kids, Big Questions, addresses some of the most common (and challenging) issues facing parents of babies and toddlers, such as: helping a baby learn to sleep through the night; dealing with a picky eater; and learning to set limits on children's behavior. These questions—and more—are covered in this series of 12 podcasts. Each podcast features an interview with an expert that focuses on how to apply the research of early childhood development to your daily interactions with your baby or toddler. http://www.zerotothree.org/about-us/funded-projects/parenting-resources/podcast/

Temper Tantrums: Guidelines for Parents

The National Association for School Psychologists provides a variety of resources for families to help children achieve in school, at home and in life. http://www.nasponline.org/families/index.aspx For information on temper tantrums, go to: <u>http://www.nasponline.org/resources/behavior/tantrums_ho.aspx</u>

About the Presenters

Felicia Barrera, Ed.S. is a licensed school psychologist in Broward County, with 10 years of professional experience in the field. She is a 2013 recipient of the Broward County Recognition Program (BCRP). Ms. Barrera holds degrees from the University of Miami (UM) and Florida International University (FIU). She has vast experience in working with preschool aged children, dating back to 1998, where she worked as part of an assessment team through UM's- Mailman Center for Child Development. Ms. Barrera has also worked as part of a research team, from 1999-2001, through UM's Perinatal C.A.R.E. Program, looking at the long-term effects of in-utero substance exposure in later development. As a result, she co-authored several publications in various national research journals. Since 2010, Ms. Barrera has focused her practice on the preschool population, specializing in the assessment of three-to-five year olds. She works closely with FDLRS, participating in multidisciplinary screenings and providing comprehensive evaluations for children who are suspected of developmental delays and other disabilities. She is a certified HOT DOCS trainer.

Carol Beitler has worked for Broward County Schools since 1992. She moved here from the Chicago Area, where she had been a special education teacher. Since working for Broward schools, she has been an ESE teacher, ESE Specialist, then worked for the ESE Area Office as an Autism Specialist, Reading Specialist, and Assistive Technology Specialist. Carol has a Bachelors degree in Special Education, and a Masters degree in Education Leadership. She is bilingual and speaks Spanish. She spends time trying to keep up with running, and taking care of four dogs at home.

Opal Bennett is the School/Parent Liaison with the Exceptional Student Education & Support Services Department of Broward County Public Schools. Mrs. Bennett provides support to schools and parents regarding processes and procedures of Exceptional Student Education. Mrs. Bennett holds a Bachelors degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Georgia. She also has earned Masters degrees in Varying Exceptionalities and Educational Leadership from Georgia State University and Florida Atlantic University respectively. Mrs. Bennett has taught students with varying exceptionalities in Georgia and Florida. She has served as an ESE Specialist and Program Specialist for Broward County Public Schools since 2004.

Karen Britton is a PreK Staffing Specialist. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and a graduate of Florida State University.

Kathy Carroll, M.S., CCC/SLP, has been practicing as a Speech Language Pathologist for over 30 years. Currently Kathy is a Manager with the Broward County Early Steps program at Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center where she is responsible for ASD Related services including lead on the Clinic Multidisciplinary Assessment Eligibility Team. Additionally she over sees the Specialty Service Coordination Team including children with Autism, vision and hearing disorders, and children with medically complex issues, including those who are significantly premature. Her clinical interests include children with language delays, ASD, and other behavioral challenges.

Dr. Deborah Collins is one of the authors of S.TO.P. and Relax ©. A school psychologist and licensed psychologist, Dr. Collins has provided assessment, consultation and training for the Broward County Public Schools since 1989. As an adjunct professor, she has taught psychology ant Bermuda College and Broward College, Dr. Collins has conducted multiple presentations for national conferences, including Learning & The Bran and the Autism Society of America. She is a certified HOT DOCS trainer

Dale Devier is a nationally certified school psychologist (NCSP) working directly with preschool age children and their families. She has been employed by Broward County Public Schools since 1990 and taught kindergarten for eleven years and PreK Readiness for one year. Since 2006, Ms. Devier has focused her practice on the preschool population, specializing in the assessment of three-to-five year olds. She works closely with FDLRS, participating in multidisciplinary screenings and providing comprehensive evaluations for children who are suspected of developmental delays and other related disabilities. Ms. Devier is the co-author of an article on the topic of Tutoring for NASP (National Association of School Psychologists), which was published as part of Helping Children at Home and School II: Handouts for Families and Educators. She is a member of Broward Association of School Psychologists (BASP) and National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). She is a certified HOT DOCS trainer.

Kimberly Diluzio has been employed by Broward County Public Schools since 2007. She is a FDLRS Child Find Program Specialist and provides intake for new referrals and case manages children (birth to age 2) transitioning from the Early Steps/Part C program to Part B public preschool services. Previously she worked as the FDLRS Parent Services Program Specialist. She is licensed by the Florida Department of Education in School Psychology, ESE Specialist, School Social Worker, Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 - Grade 3), Preschool Education (birth - Age 4) and Educational Leadership. Ms. Diluzio has worked in various positions as a school administrator, school psychologist, teacher and social worker at the local, state and international level in the Philippines and Thailand. She has worked previously in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio and for the West Virginia Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families coordinating various initiatives including Starting Points Family Resource Centers for young children and their families. She is a Nationally Certified Active Parenting Trainer of Trainers.

Tony Dutra is a Florida state certified Exceptional Student Educator, and is National Board Certified as an Exceptional Needs Specialist: Early Childhood through Young Adult. He has 14 years of classroom teaching experience, and was awarded 2010 Broward County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Tony holds a BA in Exceptional Student Education, a Master Degree in Instructional Technology, and is currently in the dissertation process for his doctorate in Educational Leadership, specializing in Educational Technology. He is currently the Region 5 Technology Coordinator at USF in the Florida PS/Rtl TLC project that supports Assistive Technology/Accessible Instructional Materials/Universal Design for Learning for six counties in Southern Florida. He also is the leader for the Technology Learning Connections-Technology Advisory Committee for the state. He is the President Elect for FSTE, and also is a Board Member for FCITL as the Higher Education Representative.

About the Presenters (cont.)

Emily Gonzalez-Abreu has over 18 years of experience in Dade and Broward county, treating emotional and behavioral problems in children/adolescents and their parents. She has been an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Family Counselor in Broward County for the past 10 years. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Florida International University and a Masters in Family Therapy from Nova Southeastern University. She is a Registered Marriage & Family Therapist Intern in the State of Florida. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu has been conducting parent training workshops in the Active Parenting Modality for the past 3 years at Millennium Middle School. She is well aware of the challenges of special needs children, having an adolescent daughter with Spina Bifida. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu is a local and national advocate for Spina Bifida and has been featured in numerous articles in local and national newspapers (such as The Miami Herald, Sun-Sentinel, and Spina Bifida Association of America) concerning Spina Bifida. Ms. Gonzalez-Abreu is a Certified Active Parenting Leader.

Sandra Heberling has been an educator for the past 28 years. Presently, she serves as an Exceptional Student Education Specialist for Broward County Public Schools. Mrs. Heberling holds certification in Elementary Education, Learning Disabilities, Emotional/Behavior Disorders, Early Childhood and Reading. Parent education has been her passion and she has recently been leading parent trainings as a Certified Active Parenting Leader. She brings a wealth of practical knowledge and experience in helping parents and children.

Lisa Hess is a PreK Staff Specialist. She has a Bachelor of Science/Special Education K-12 from Lock Haven University, Pennsylvania and a M.Ed. from University of Miami in Early Childhood Special Education. Also, she has a National Board Certified Teacher/Endorsement in PreK Disabilities & ESOL, Certification – Age 3 to Grade 3.

Lisa Spencer Hoo, Ph.D., is a school psychologist in Broward County with over 20 years of experience in the field of education. Dr. Hoo is a Certified Active Parenting Leader with research expertise in the area of parenting children with disabilities. She is a 2011 recipient of the Broward County Recognition Program (BCRP) and a member of the Teacher's Guild. Dr. Hoo has facilitated parent education seminars as well as workshops at state conferences for parents of children with disabilities.

Kimberly Johnson has been an educator for the past 23 years and was Nationally Board Certified in 1998 and 2007. As a licensed Brain Gym® instructor and consultant, Kimberly has been successfully using Brain Gym in the classroom for several years. The mother of two exceptional education children, Kimberly has tutored ESE students privately and assisted their parents in dealing with school issues. She has also worked with home school parents and students, their curriculum and yearly assessments.

Kitt Kelleher, M.S. is a National Board Certified Teach and program specialist for FDLRS and has 25 years of teaching experience in the field of special education. She has co-written courses for teachers including a statewide professional development module on differentiating instruction for math class. Additionally, Ms. Kelleher has trained teachers and other educators at both the state and national level with a focus on strategies for mathematics development for students with disabilities. Ms. Kelleher is also a published author of a teen novel.

Adriana Liuzzi

Adriana D. Liuzzi holds her Clinical Certificate of Competence in Speech-Language Pathology through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) of which she is a member and is nationally certified. She also holds a Speech-Language Pathologist license through the Division of Medical Quality Assurance in the state of Florida. Ms. Liuzzi has been employed by the School Board of Broward County since 1988 and has taught the specialized full-time preschool program for 2 years, and the part-time speech-language program for 15 years. Currently, she works directly with preschool age children and their families as part of the Preschool Diagnostics Evaluation Teams. She holds the Broward County Recognition Program Award and is a certified HOT DOCS trainer. Ms. Liuzzi has been an adjunct professor and graduate student advisor at Nova Southeastern University for the Speech-Language Pathology Masters Program. She has also provided multiple trainings for SBBC speech-language pathologists, and parent workshops focusing on speech-language development.

Elizabeth McGettigan is an Infant & Toddler Development Specialist with the Broward County Early Steps Program. As a former special education teacher and school principal, she has 11 years of experience working with children with developmental delays and disabilities. In her capacity as an administrator and coordinator of therapeutic services, she developed and implemented trainings for parents, teachers, and therapists. She is a certified HOT DOCS trainer.

Gigi McIntire graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in preschool/primary education in 1979. She later earned a masters degree in gifted education and a guidance and counseling certification from Nova Southeastern University. In addition to over 30 years of experience in education, she holds a national board certification in guidance and counseling. Mrs. McIntire has been a Certified Active Parenting Leader since 2003 and has taught several parenting classes at Mirror Lake Elementary.

Victor Mora is a school social worker in the South Area part of the county. He has worked for the school board for the last 10 years. Mr. Mora provides crisis intervention, group therapy, family counseling and individual therapy to students in need of services. He addresses academic concerns and behavioral issues that affect the student's performance. Mr. Mora has a masters degree in Social Work from Florida International University and has been licensed since 2002. Mr. Mora is a Certified Active Parenting Leader.

Keondra Pierre-Eafford is a FDLRS/ESE program specialist with Broward County Public Schools. Keondra has provided education to students with special needs for over 10 years. She works to increase the home-to-school collaboration on meeting the needs of students in exceptional student education.

About the Presenters (cont.)

Maria J. Robles, Ed.S., graduated with honors from Florida International University in 2005. Upon completion of her internship with Broward County Schools, she immediately began her employment as a certified school psychologist, serving a diverse population of students from preschool through the 12th grade. Her responsibilities have included conducting psychoeducational evaluations, participating in child study groups as part of the Rtl (Response to Intervention) process, and providing collaboration and consultation to school personnel and parents. Since 2007, Mary has focused on the preschool population, specializing in the three-to-five year old age group. She works closely with FDLRS, participating in multidisciplinary screenings and providing comprehensive evaluations for children who are suspected of developmental delays and/or autism spectrum disorders. Additionally, Mary works with school psychology interns and supervises their training throughout their preschool rotation. Prior to working with Broward County Schools, she taught at a private preschool for five years providing an enrichment program to children between the ages of one and three years. She is certified as an Active Parenting Leader and HOT DOCS trainer.

Brian Roselione is a licensed Mental Health Counselor with a practice Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Mr. Roselione is the founder and director of the Center for Counseling, Coaching & Change. He specializes in working with families and individuals with varying challenges, such as Bi-Polar, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders. Brian has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University. He has been licensed mental health counselor for over 8 years specializing in pediatrics, teen and young adults. Brian started his career at the Baudhuin School as a preschool teacher and then administrator. While working with the preschool students he became a board certified associate behavior analyst specializing in problem behavior, discrete trail teaching and verbal behavior. In 1999 he transitioned to site director for the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities at Nova Southeastern University. In addition to running the CARD center he was consultant for the Autism Consortium at NSU. He has worked in over 10 states helping to create educational and therapeutic setting for students with special needs. He is an adjunct professor at NSU.

Sherry Swanson has a Masters Degree in Special Education from Florida Atlantic University. She has worked for Broward County Schools for the past 23 years. She has served as the Broward County Schools liaison for 10 contracted Preschool Agency Programs for the past 20 years. Prior to this, she was the Grant Manager for a State Preschool Assessment Training Grant.

Dr. Robin Thornton is a Speech/Language Program Specialist and is working in the South Area Office/Student Services Department. She is a Certified Active Parenting Leader and a Certified HOT DOCS trainer. She has worked for the School Board of Broward County for over 33 years with extensive experience in multidisciplinary diagnostics, and also speech/language therapy, elementary classroom teaching and early childhood

program development. Dr. Thornton has her Master's degree in the areas of Speech and Language Pathology and her Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration. She is a graduate from University of Florida and Florida State University.

Debbie Winters, M. Ed. is the Dependency Court Liaison with the School Board of Broward County. Ms. Winters has 28 years of experience in Broward County in the fields of education and child welfare. She earned her Master's in Education from Florida Atlantic University and began her career as a foster care worker for the local Department of Children and Families office. She joined the school district in 1987 and assumed her current position as the Dependency Court Liaison ten years ago. Recognizing the unique needs and circumstances surrounding children in the dependency system Ms. Winters is committed to the ongoing partnership with the child welfare community to improve educational stability and academic achievement of children in foster care.

Matt Zeis is currently a school psychologist for Broward Schools, and has worked as a school psychologist for Broward since 1993, working with children in grades preK through 12th. He earned his Bachelors, Masters and Education Specialist degrees from the University of South Florida. Matt has been the team leader for school psychologists for the last 6 years. Matt is the recipient of the Broward County Recognition Program and the Phil Seat Award in School Psychology.

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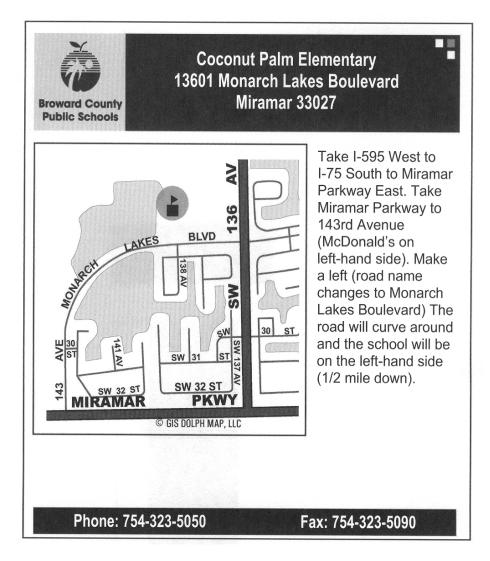
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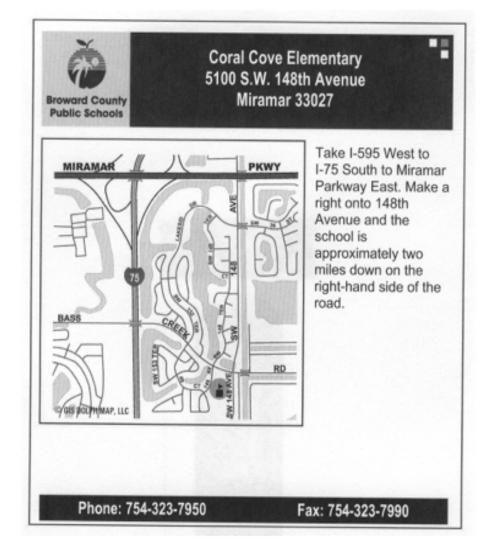
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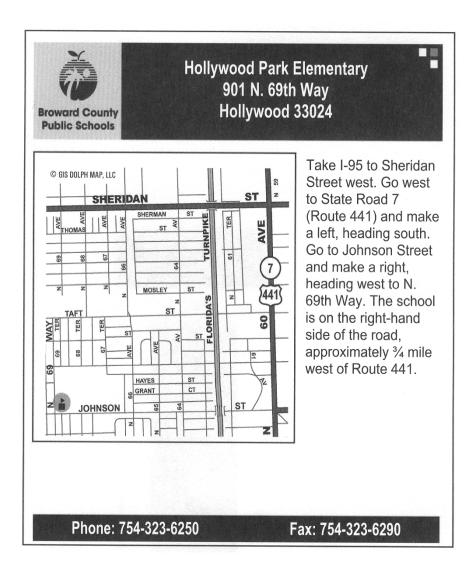
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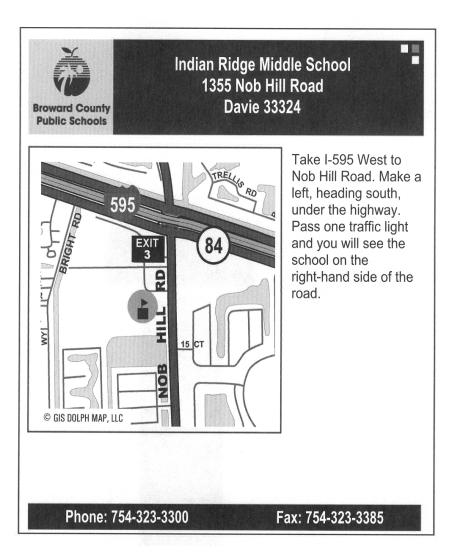


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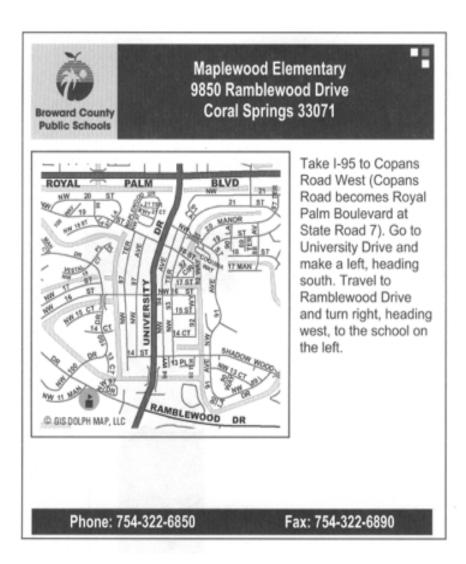
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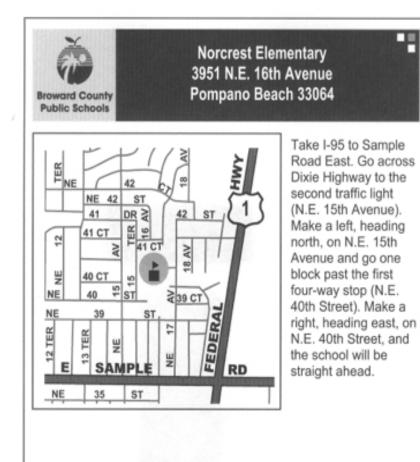
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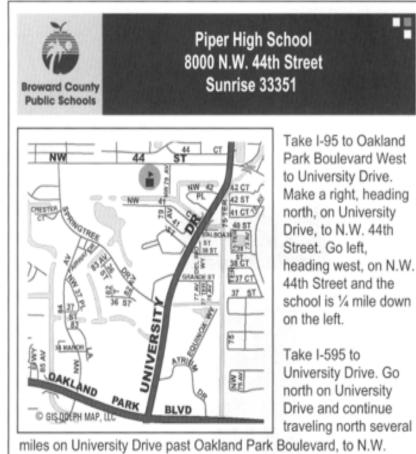
Oakridge Elementary 1507 N. 28th Avenue Hollywood 33020



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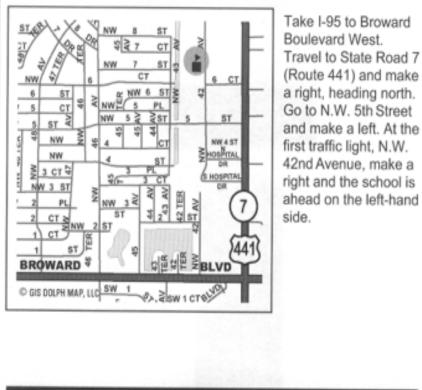
miles on University Drive past Oakland Park Boulevard, to N.W. 44th Street. Go to N.W. 44th Street and make a left, heading west. The school is ¼ mile down on the left.

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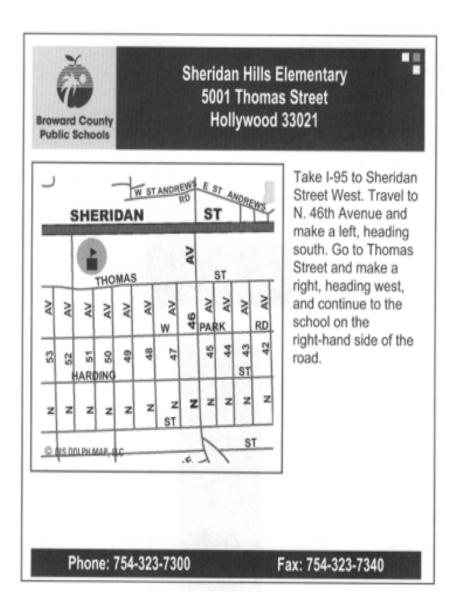


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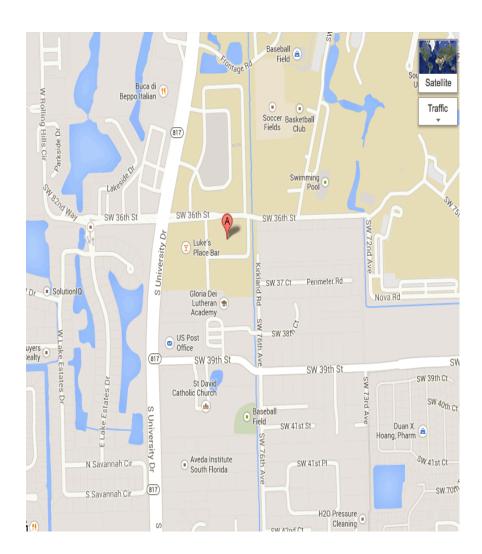


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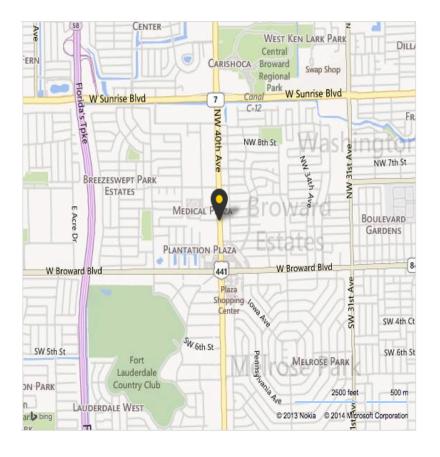
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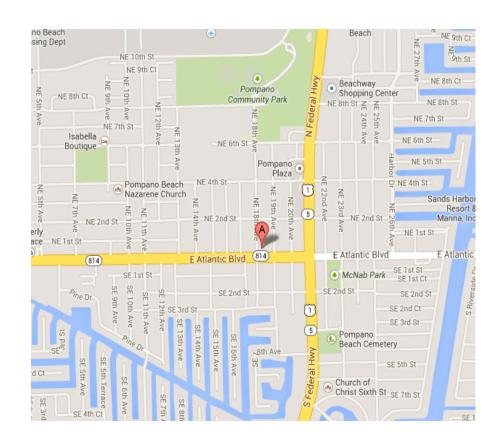
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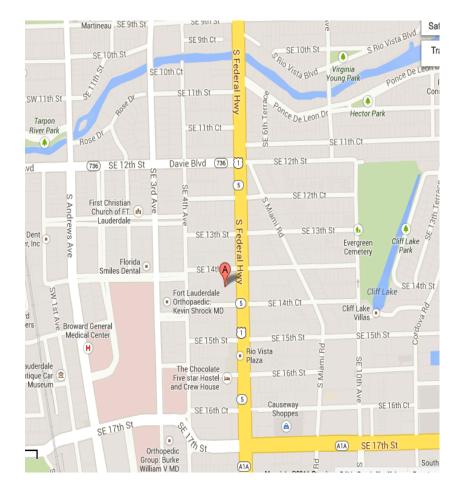
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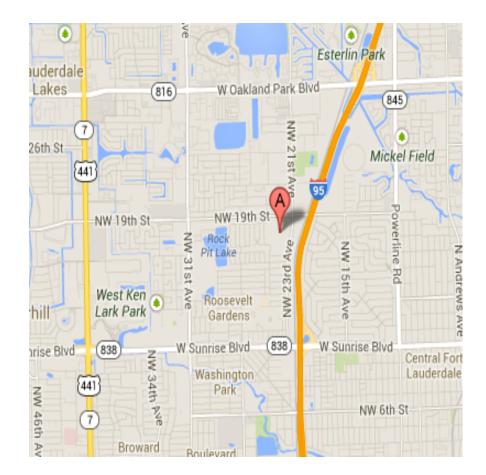
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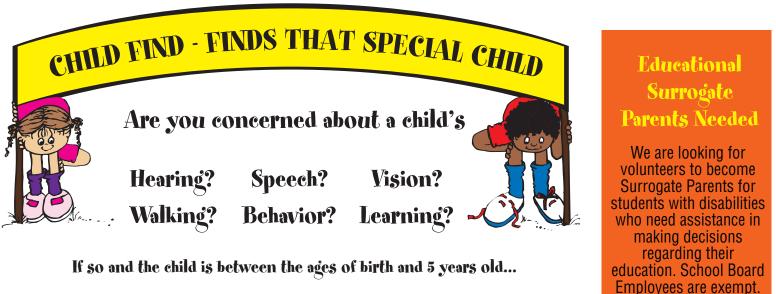




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