





Special Needs Training

**MARCH 9-14, 2018** 

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### CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Texas-sized training and networking await attendees of the 2018 TSD Conference as it returns to the Dallas area. Over three dozen sessions and workshops will arm special needs, Head Start and pre-K transportation professionals with the vital information necessary to overcome everyday challenges in providing excellent service for the most vulnerable school bus populations.

### Keynote Speakers:



Patrick Mulick
Sunday, March 11

A national board-certified teacher and behavior analyst, Patrick also is a certified speaker, trainer and coach with the John Maxwell Leadership Team. He is an educational consultant and works as the autism specialist of the Auburn School District in Washington state. Patrick has committed his work to "lighting it up" for all those who support special needs learners through a hybrid of instruction and inspiration. His resources and strategies have helped make the complex simple, equipping teachers, administrators, therapists, para-educators, and school bus drivers, alike.



Julie Weatherly, Esq.

Monday, March 12

Back by popular demand, Weatherly offers over 30 years of expertise in legal and consultation services to school districts and other agencies on educating students with disabilities. She has been a member of the faculty for many national and state legal institutes and is a frequent speaker at special education law conferences. In June of 1996, Julie appeared on "60 Minutes" to discuss the cost of meeting the legal requirements of the IDEA. In 1998, she was honored by Georgia's Council for Exceptional Children as the individual who had contributed most to students with disabilities. In April 2012, Julie received the National CASE Award for outstanding service.

### Special Training:

#### **NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Restraints on School Buses**

Friday, March 9

(Registration Required & Additional Fee Applies)
Register for the popular seminar certified by the National
Highway Traffic Safety Administration that teaches schoolbus specific application of various child safety restraint
systems for toddlers and preschoolers, and students with
disabilities. The eight-hour training is part the overall 40hour Child Passenger Safety Technician certification.

#### **OPENING GENERAL SESSION:**

#### **Insights: Shared Wisdom from Tenured Faculty Members**

Friday, March 9

Join the conference's founding members to kick off an intense, unifying week of training with a panel discussion on the major tenets of transporting students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide attendees with a guiding blueprint for the week ahead. Gather with your fellow attendees to hear the perspectives of the world's preeminent experts in transporting students with disabilities and receive a blue print for the coming week of educational and training opportunities.

## CLOSING GENERAL SESSION: Coffee's On Us, Tips Are Appreciated

Wednesday, March 14

Before heading home to implement into your local operations all the great strategies learned during the conference, debrief with TSD staff to share insights into what you liked, what you didn't like and how we can improve for 2019. Join us for coffee in free commemorative School Transportation News coffee mugs and a light breakfast while helping shape tomorrow's training opportunities.



### **Training Topics:**

- Foundations of Special Needs Transportation
- Dispatcher Training for a Special Needs Environment
- Head Start & Early Childhood
   Transportation Forum
- How to Conduct HR Investigations
- Personalized Training Strategies for Special Education Transporters
- Wellness Programs for Healthier & Physically Able-to-Perform Employees
- Everything School Bus Drivers Should Know Bus Attendants Should, Too
- IDEA Dispute Resolution
   Strategies for Student Transporters
- Balancing FERPA Compliance with a School Bus Driver's Right to Know
- Applied Behavior Analysis for Students on the School Bus
- OT/PT/Transporter Forum
- Administering Medication on the Bus
- Basics of Wheelchair Transportation
- Autism Interactions on the School Bus

- Transportation of McKinney-Vento Students with Disabilities
- Preschool Transportation for Homeless Children
- Making Human Resources Work for Your Transportation Operation
- Navigating Legal Minefields in Transporting Students with Disabilities
- Identifying Evolving Behavior & Mental Health Issues in Preschool Riders
- Collaboration Strategies for Student Transporters & School Nurses
- Developing Transportation Checklists for IEP Meetings
- Minimizing Expenses in Special Education Transportation
- Reducing Risk & Liability in Special Education Transportation
- Facilitating Improved Communication with Parents
- Balancing the Burden of Head Start & Pre-K Regulations
- Successful Strategies for Transitioning Students with Disabilities to Post-Secondary Education

- Lessons Learned from Wheelchair Crash Tests
- Basic Securement Principles of Transporting Preschool Students
- Strategies for Mainstreaming Special Education Students w/ Non-Obvious Disabilities
- How to Influence School Administrator Policies that Affect Transportation
- Fostering Community Partnerships for Head Start Transportation
- Training Resources for Onboard
  Administration of Medication
- Maintaining a Sanitary School Bus for Preschoolers & Students with Disabilities
- Selecting Vehicles & Equipment for Preschool Transportation
- Facilitating Transportation Needs for Head Start Students & Families
- Balancing Technology with Training for Improved Student Behavior Management
- How to Plan & Organize a Local Special Needs School Bus Roadeo

#### Trade Show Exhibitors

(As of 10/9/17)

247 Security

A Parts Warehouse

ALC

American Cooling Technology

AMF-Bruns of America

App-Garden

Auto-Jet Muffler

BESI

Blue Bird

BraunAbility

**Bucks Wheel and Equipment** 

**Bus Parts Experts** 

CI Solutions

Collins Bus

**Detection and Suppression International** 

Easy Way Safety Services

**Education Logistics** 

**EZ-ON Products** 

Fortress Mobile

Gatekeeper Systems

**HSM Transportation Solutions** 

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Orbit Software

O'Reilly Auto Parts

pdvWireless

Q'Straint & Sure-Lok

RFI

**Ricon Corporation** 

Robotronics

Rosco Vision Systems

Rostra

Safe Fleet/Seon

Safe Ride News

Safeguard

Safety Vision

Secure Transportation

SMART Tag by Secured Mobility

Synovia Solutions

SynTec Seating Solutions

Texas Truck A/C

Thomas Built Buses

Titan Bus

Trans/Air Manufacturing

Transfinder

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Unity School Bus Parts

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#### **Trade Show Contact:**

Contact Tony Corpin at 310.802-7803 or tony@stnonline.com to make booth reservations or to sponsor conference activities.

### **Events & Networking**



#### Trade Show Sneak Peek Preview Reception

Sunday, March 11

This special networking event for exhibitors and attendees is held the evening before the full trade show in a more relaxed atmosphere. Select from gourmet food and drink stations situated throughout the exhibit floor while catching up with old friends and making new ones.



















#### **TSD Trade Show**

Monday, March 12

Over 450 attendees are expected for this annual showcase of vehicles, products and solutions geared toward special needs and preschool transporters. Sixty-five exhibitors were on hand this past year, and we are expecting even more in 2018!

### Roadeo Competition

March 9-11

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### Need a Place to Stay?

We have you covered. Our host the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel & Convention Center is offering a TSD Conference rate of \$157 per room, available March 8 through 14.

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