

Acton & Acton-Boxborough Schools
Pupil Services

Cordially invites you to our

Fourth Annual Special Education Parent Workshop

Friday, November 6, 2009

At

Congregation Beth Elohim
133 Prospect Street, Acton, MA

Guest Speaker

Rick Lavoie

Renowned Author, Education Consultant, and Filmmaker

Helping the Child with Disabilities Find Social Success



Co-hosted by

Boxborough Public Schools

Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Workshop Overview

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM (Sign-in 7:45 – 8:00 AM)

Navigating the Team Meeting Process

Liza Huber, Director of Pupil Services,
Acton, Acton-Boxborough Schools

Sandra Daigneault, Director of Pupil Services,
Boxborough Public Schools

9:00 AM – 1:00PM (Sign-in 8:30 – 9:00 AM)

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* Please note: Food items may not be brought into the Temple. Thank you for your consideration

Helping the Child with Disabilities Find Social Success

Richard D. Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.



Rick Lavoie served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs for 30 years. He holds three degrees in Special Education and two Honorary Doctorates in Education from the University of Massachusetts (2003) and Mitchell College (CT – 2007). He has served as a visiting lecturer at numerous universities including Syracuse, Harvard, Manhattanville College, University of Alabama, University of Melbourne and

Georgetown. His numerous national television appearances include The TODAY Show, CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, and Walt Disney Presents. In 2009, Rick was the recipient of the Learning Disabilities Associations of America's Samuel Kirk award.

Rick's intensive experiences at residential schools provided him with a "living laboratory" in which he developed and refined his methods and philosophies related to the education of children and adolescents with special needs.

Rick has written several books including *"It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success"* (Touchstone/ Simon and Schuster, 2005). The book addresses the direct link between learning disabilities and social skills issues that many children face.

Rick has served as a consultant on Learning Disabilities to several agencies and organizations including the Public Broadcasting Service, New York Times, National Center for Learning Disabilities, USA Today, Girl Scouts of America, Child Magazine, INSTRUCTOR Magazine and National Public Radio.

Today's Workshop

By working together, the schools and parents/guardians can do a great deal to detect and prevent bullying at school and in the community. The average student in Massachusetts spends approximately 1080 hours annually in the classroom. This represents merely 5% of his/her waking time. Ninety-five percent of a child's life is spent in social settings...at school, at home and in the community. Many students have difficulty developing the "social skills" that they need in order to create and maintain positive social relationships with peers. These skills are not merely "manners", but involve a complex set of interaction skills that allow the child to make friends. When a child lacks these skills, he often becomes isolated from and rejected by his peers. This workshop will explore these interactions with particular emphasis on bullying.

In addition

Navigating the Team Meeting Process

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This informative workshop provides families with information regarding their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) as well as the current policies, procedures, and guidelines of the school district. Information provided will help you make informed decisions in supporting your children and to enhance your role as a knowledgeable and effective partner in the special education process.



REGISTRATION

Deadline October 30, 2009

Acton & Boxborough School Districts and Community

This is a FREE workshop for Acton and Boxborough parents/guardians, residents, school faculties and staff.

Name _____

Home/Cell Phone # _____

Work Phone # _____

Email _____

Address _____

I would like to attend:

Navigating the Team Meeting Process _____

Helping the Child with Disabilities Find Social Success _____

How many will attend? _____

Other School Districts and Communities

There is a nominal fee of **\$35.00 per person**. Checks should be made payable to: **Acton-Boxborough Schools**

Name _____

School District/Community _____

I am a: Parent/Guardian _____ Educator _____ Other _____

Home/Cell Phone # _____

Work Phone # _____

Address _____

How many will attend? _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please print and send the registration form to

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Space is Limited – Register Early!

