

Community Day School Network

STATE-CONFERENCE

January 17-18, 2010

Holiday Inn Capital Plaza
Sacramento, California

"Kaleidoscope of Unity"

Highlights include

Expert educational speakers, CDS organizational and operational tactics, effective teaching techniques, classroom management, leadership training, effective school behavior management, literacy, establishing safe schools, violence prevention, bullying prevention, parental involvement, service learning, resiliency, gangs, drugs, budget updates, starting community day schools, surviving the budget, resiliency, and as always.....NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Since 1999, the CDS Network State Conference has been the best place to find California's top alternative education personnel sharing their proven strategies and experiences.

Outstanding Networking Opportunities for those who work with at-risk students!!!! Do not miss out!!!!

Conference Overview

Saturday, January 16, 2010

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **CDS Network Executive Board** Presidential Suite

Sunday, January 17, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Presidential suite open to greet guests, attendees, and presenters**

11:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Registration**

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Break Out Session 1**

3:20 p.m. - 4:35 p.m. **Break Out Session 2**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **CDS Network Dinner**
Keynote Speaker: Rick Phillips Ed.D.

7:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Dessert and Drinks** Presidential Suite

Monday January 18, 2010

7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Conference registration**

7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Continental breakfast**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Opening General Session**

Welcome: Dennis Wiechmann, CDSN President
 Dan Sackheim, CDE Liaison/CDSN Board Member
General Updates, CDS Network Awards, and Regional Networking

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Breakout Session 3

11:10 a.m. - 12:25 a.m. Breakout Session 4

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Luncheon**
Keynote: **Art Rodriquez**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closing Session

CDS Network Conference Line-Up

subject to change

Sunday Sessions January 17, 2010

--Breakout Session I--
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Title: I have a secret I want to share!

Presenter: Sandy Arieno Balboa

Affiliation: Executive Assistant Instructor Primavera Online High School.

Learn things today which will help in your classrooms tomorrow. Time to Teach will provide classroom teachers with proven strategies to reduce the number of referrals to the office and enhance the overall climate of the classroom.

Title: It's about learning! Beyond behavior: Daily operations of a CDS

Presenter: Dr. Nick Taylor Calaveras

Position: Community Day School Principal

Dr. Nick Taylor has constructed a CDS that really works. Come find out his secrets and tricks. The level system, meet your dreams, weekly grade reports, and much more. The power of focusing on learning and resiliency based activities. This session will provide extremely useful information for any one who works with at risk students, from teachers to superintendents. The strategies presented can be utilized by any school or program immediately!

Title: Character Based Literacy

Presenter: Tom Kostic Hermosa

Affiliation: Santa Clara University

Character Based Literacy Program (CBL) combines both character education and standards based literacy, which are integrated across the curriculum. This approach was specifically designed to target students who are at serious risk for school failure and antisocial behavior. Come see how this approach can work for your students.

Title: Supporting students who may be struggling with their identity

Presenter: Stephen B. Jimenez Granada

Affiliation: Project 10: Los Angeles Unified School District

What is discrimination? Do you know how to support your students who are struggling with their identity? This is a powerful presentation that will provide you with the information and tools needed to effectively support lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender students. You just can't look the other way!!

--Breakout Session II--
3:20 p.m. - 4:35 p.m.

Title: Effective behavior management – The classroom plan

Presenter: Noah Salzman Balboa

Affiliation: I understand tools for schools

This program establishes a safe and orderly environment in the classroom and school wide that stops negative behavior, increases learning time, develops positive relationships and teaches student responsibility. This is a great workshop, and you will leave with great new ideas for behavior management.

Title: Empowering students as peacemakers and contributors

Presenter: Rick Phillips MS Calaveras

Affiliation: Community Matters

Bullying and violence adversely affect students' health, attendance, school completion and academic performance. We must include and involve youth to develop schools as caring communities if we are to have safe and optimal learning environments.

Title: Will wonders never cease?

Presenter: Dr. DeVera H. Heard Hermosa

Affiliation: Principal Santa Ana Unified School District

Developed to help students stay in school, the Santa Ana Unified intervention program was developed to address and stop at-risk students from dropping out. This program requires parent participation, intensive course content, student skills, and behavior management. This is a program that is targeted to 8th grade students, but can be easily adjusted for multiple grade levels.

Title: Drug trends

Presenter: Debi DeShon Granada

Affiliation: Interquest K9 Detection

What drugs are on your campuses? Debra provides an overview of illegal drugs, their usage and trends on California school campuses and follows up with identifying effective intervention programs. This session is a must. You need to know what's out there, because your students and your own children do!!!

**Monday General Session
January 18, 2010**

--General Session 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.--

Legislative Updates, CDS Network Awards, "State of the Budget Update" and Regional Networking

--Breakout Session 3--

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION -DINNER

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Key Note Address

Rick Phillips:

**Fostering Community in
Community Day Schools**

Title: CDS Basics: CDSs from start to finish

Presenter: Dan Sackheim Balboa

Affiliation: California Department of Education

This session will explore the basic elements of establishing and operating a CDS. This includes grades, facilities, attendance accounting, instructional requirements, social emotional development, and funding. Dan knows what a good school should look like and knows what the auditors look for and the questions they will ask.

**Title: Violence as a learned behavior;
Intervention and rehabilitation in school,
the Phoenix Model**

Presenter: Brian Radtke Calaveras

Position: Principal Phoenix Community Day School

Many of our students' behaviors can be traced back to personal experiences. How do you address and begin to educate the parents and guardians of the students you work with to stop the cycle of negative behavior? Come hear how one school has established an outstanding parent participation program that directly focuses on building parenting capacity. This school's efforts have been so successful they have been recognized by John Hopkins University.

**Dessert, Spirits, Social Gathering
& Networking**

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**The best support we have is each other. Come
have dessert, wine and spirits, meet your
colleagues and make lasting connections!**

Location: Presidential Suite

Title: Mean Girls --"What you looking at!"

Presenter: Terri R. Williams Hermosa

Position: Teacher Hesperia CDS

Relational Aggression (RA) is a type of covert bullying used by girls to cause damage to relationships, or social status, with a group. This workshop will help address student-to-student violence, learn the characteristics of bullies and their victims. You will leave this workshop knowing how to recognize, understand, define and respond to RA.

Title: Why Try? Ending failure and truancy!

Presenters: Chris Brown Gradana

Affiliation: The Why Try organization.

This presentation provides the audience with several methods to teach emotional intelligence and life skills. The workshop emphasizes a strength-based approach

to helping youth overcome their challenges using multiple intelligences.

--Breakout Session 4--
11:10 a.m. - 12:25 a.m.

Title: Gangs: Trends and tactics

Presenter: Sgt D.T. Martin: Balboa
Affiliation: Sacramento Police Department Gang Suppression Unit

One of the most negative influences on our children are gangs. Come and find out what the current trends are and what you as an educator are up against. If we can detect the early warning signs, then we might be able to step in and stop gang affiliation!!

Title: 95% success rate!!! Community projects that support student success

Presenter: Christine Krohn Calaveras
Position: Principal Burbank USD

Establishing programs that increase student success. This presentation will cover 5 programs that have been established that target student involvement and ultimately have helped the school boast a 95% return rate to a comprehensive campus within one semester. These are programs and ideas that you can take back to your school and implement immediately.

Title: Public Policy to Monitor the Direction of Government

Presenter: Dee Morgan Hermosa
Position: Region Coordinator We the People..Project Citizen

This hands-on program is a practice experience in democracy and civic engagement. This workshop will focus on critical thinking, cooperative learning, analytical skills, and how teachers can help student gain political efficacy.

Title: Why Ask Why? The Role of Self-Explanation in Effective Learning

Presenter: Preeti Talwai Granada
Position: Intern, Educational Options Office, CDE: Undergraduate: UC Berkley under

Self-explanation is a powerful tool that has significant effects for learners and their understanding. What kind of tasks will allow self-explanation to become a part of the instructional process? Learn how to train your students to use this powerful technique and teach them to overcome learning obstacles.

GENERAL SESSION –LUNCHEON
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Art Rodriquez
Transforming Students

Art has authored multiple books based upon true life events that are truly inspiring. Art himself struggled through school, dealing with difficulties in school and youth violence. With the help of his wife, Art taught himself how to read and write and then began writing the stories of his life. You will be truly inspired and ready to support the students you work with after hearing Art's stories.

CLOSING SESSION
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2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Tom Williams and Devon Freitas
CDS Network Executive Board

A Celebration of What "WE" Do!!!

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