

GASOPT

Georgia Alliance of School Occupational
and Physical Therapists



SPRING 2010

CONFERENCE

Whitfield County Schools
Whitfield Career Academy
2300 Maddox Chapel Road
Dalton, GA 30721
706-876-3600

Friday, March 19, 2010
8:00 am-4:00 pm
6.0 Contact Hours

Hosted By:
Whitfield County School System

Topic:
*Legal Issues
In Special Education*

GASOPT
P.O. Box 1726
Red Oak GA 30272-1726

CONFERENCE INFO

Conference Cost:
\$40.00
with breakfast and lunch included
Attendance **WILL** be limited to
150, due to mandatory fire
codes.

***Deadline for GASOPT
registration is
Wednesday, March 10,
2010**

**NO REGISTRATION
will be allowed at the door**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS
ARE ON YOUR OWN**

*See inside for information regarding
hotel accommodations and pricing.

GASOPT REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION **DEADLINE** is March 10, 2010

Name _____

County _____

Address, City, State _____

Home/ Business Phone _____

Spring Conference registration is \$40 (lunch included) **No registration allowed at the door.**
I have enclosed [] \$40.00 for the fall conference (Receipts will be attached to attendance certificate)
Make all checks payable to GASOPT

Mail to: GASOPT, P.O. BOX 1726, Red Oak, GA 30272-1726
If you have any questions, email Gloria Mixon & Gayle Lindsay [co-secretary / treasure] at : mailgasopt@gmail.com
Registration is not complete without this form AND a check.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- Staying out of Hot Water: Practical tips for Avoiding Special Education Legal Disputes (what to say; what not to say!)
- Recent Court/Agency Decisions: Special Education Legal Update
- Extended School Year Services: The Legal Requirements
- The Requirements of Section 504 and Meeting Those Requirements: Myths and Realities
- Provision of Transition Services Under the Law: Is there Life After Special Education?
- Legal Requirements of Educating Students with Autism

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Julie J. Weatherly, Esquire, has more than 23 years of legal experience related to public education. Ms. Weatherly is a member of the State Bars of Alabama and Georgia and is a practicing attorney with the Weatherly Law Firm, LLP in Atlanta, Georgia. Her litigation experience includes representation of school agencies in court proceedings, administrative due process hearings and formal and informal mediation sessions. In 2000, Ms. Weatherly established Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. (RISE). As a consulting business, RISE's services generally include consultation in the form of policy and procedure development; file review and assistance with matters potentially in dispute; attendance at IEP or other pertinent meetings; mediation and development of strategies to address matters in dispute. In addition, RISE provides inservice training of and workshops for educators, mediators, IEP facilitators, and parent groups and participates in seminars nationally. For more information on RISE and Ms. Weatherly, visit her website at:

OBJECTIVES

Legal Issues in Special Education

Participants should be able to:

- Identify common mistakes that should be avoided by educational personnel.
- Identify common due process missteps in the development, content and implementation of IEP's.
- Demonstrate increased knowledge of the role of related services pertaining to ESY.
- Demonstrate increased knowledge of the role of related services pertaining to Section 504.
- Demonstrate increased knowledge of the role of related services pertaining to transition services.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30	Registration – Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00	Avoiding Sp.Ed. Legal Disputes
10:00 – 10:15	BREAK
10:15 – 12:00	Recent Court/Agency Decisions
12:00 – 1:00	Business Meeting/LUNCH
1:00 – 2:30	ESY and 504
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK
2:45 – 4:00	Transition Services
	Autism—Legal Requirements

CONFERENCE LOCATION



**Whitfield Career Academy
Auditorium**
2300 Maddox Chapel Road
Dalton, GA 30721
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DIRECTIONS Atlanta:

I-75 North to Dalton exit #336 (US 41/US 76 toward Dalton).

Merge onto North Dalton Bypass for approximately 5 miles and turn right onto Brooker Drive, then left on Maddox Chapel Rd. NE.

Career Academy will be on the RIGHT.

HOTEL Information:

***Courtyard Marriott \$79.00**

contact Kim 706-275-7215

***Hampton Inn \$85.00 with breakfast**

contact April 706-266-4333

Breakfast and Lunch:

Oakwood Café Catering (buffet style)

Breakfast and Lunch this conference will be catered by Oakwood Café.

Breakfast will include: Danish, meat biscuits, fruit, and coffee, water, juice.

Lunch includes: One meat, three veggies, dessert and tea, water, soft drinks.

Afternoon Snack includes: Cookies, water and soft drinks.

Ms. Weatherly will have an abundance of information to present at this conference. She is an informative and captivating speaker. Her presentations are straight-forward, interactive and completely VOID of Power Point! Ms. Weatherly has asked that we try to get questions to her ahead of time, so that she can do her best to answer everyone. If you have specific questions you would like to ask, please e-mail them before March 10.

Please e-mail questions to:

**Kevin Morris:
kevin.morris@henry.k12.ga.us**

or

**Jan Adams:
jan.adams@henry.k12.ga.us**

