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Future Thinkers: A New View of Executive Function Skills

Date: 05/13/2021

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Gain a new understanding on how students demonstrate executive function skills and a new perspective on what is meant by the term “executive dysfunction”. Whether this is your first or your fifth time hearing Sarah Ward you will learn something new or reaffirm your understanding of the core features of the 360 Thinking Executive Function Curriculum to develop Independent Executive Function Skills. The Award Winning 360 Thinking Program combines concepts that are at the core of EF: situational and intention awareness, mental dress rehearsals, future thinking, time awareness and visualization, which promote efficient and accurate completion of tasks. Our model facilitates the development of 6 key skills for students: initiation, transition, planning, time management, self-regulation and meta-cognition. As the steps of a task are envisioned, potential obstacles can be anticipated for students to problem solve and achieve independence. Executive Function challenges are more prevalent than ever. This seminar explores the forethought aspects of executive function skills and will provide you with a multitude of practical executive function interventions to observe immediate improvement in transitions, task completion and time management. *The recording of this webinar will be available for only three weeks after the live webinar.*
Presenter: Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP, Co-Director of Cognitive Connections, LLP, Co-Author of the 360 Thinking Executive Function Program

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Practical Strategies to Reduce Anxiety and Increase Executive Functioning Skills in Students

Date: 5/18/2021 & 5/19/2021

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

With over 30 percent of students presenting with anxiety, overwhelmed adults require a new approach as well as a practical and easy-to-implement toolkit of strategies that work. It is probable that during a pandemic that heavily impacts everyday life, levels of anxiety in children and teens are even higher, and the possibility of subsequent trauma greater. Overwhelming, negative, and inaccurate thoughts can contribute to student disengagement. When this is the case, traditional suggestions such as incentives, offering breaks, a graphic organizer, or even checklists will not help the student initiate an activity. Practical classroom strategies that specifically target improvement in accurate perception, self-monitoring, self-regulation are essential. We will offer a way to teach these skills without causing student dependence. Sarah and Jessica will share easy-to-implement preventive tools, strategies, and interventions for increasing student engagement. Through the use of case studies, humorous stories, and examples of everyday challenging situations, Sarah Ward and Jessica Minahan will combine their expertise to help participants learn the best ways to build skills in students to reduce anxiety and improve executive functioning, accurate thinking, self-monitoring, and initiation. Virtual classroom and traditional classroom examples will be shared.

Presenters: Jessica Minahan, MEd, BCBA and Sarah Ward, MS CCC-SLP

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Illinois STAR NET is a Support and Technical Assistance Regional NETWORK. If you are a professional in the early childhood education community or a parent of a young child with special needs, STAR NET Region II offers assistance and support in many different ways.

For more than 25 years, Illinois STAR NET has been committed to helping young children reach for the stars. STAR NET Region II does that by providing enriching opportunities for professional development and family education. Our offerings for professionals and parents include workshops, training, consultations, and resources such as a well-stocked library, parent support groups, and numerous financial aid opportunities.

STAR NET Region II serves those living or working in North and West Suburban Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties.

Supporting Social-communication And Play For Preschool Students With Autism: An Overview Of The Advancing Social-communication And Play (Asap) Intervention

Date: 06/17/2021

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The workshop will provide an overview of the Advancing Social-communication And Play (ASAP) intervention, a supplemental intervention designed to be implemented with preschool students with autism in public preschool classrooms. The presenter will provide information about the ASAP process and content, and introduce freely available tools including assessments, goal hierarchies, and ideas for individual and group intervention activities. The presentation will include video examples, and tips and troubleshooting for implementation in preschool settings.

Presenter: Jessica Steinbrenner

Puppets Lend A Hand In Teaching Basic Social Skills

Date: 06/21/2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Teaching basic social interaction skills is foundational to creating a respectful and positive classroom community. This workshop uses puppets to specifically teach getting a peer's attention, sharing toys, requesting, turn taking and giving a compliment. When these basic social skills are taught intentionally and are expected when initiating all peer interactions, classroom conflict is reduced. Teachers will collaborate and prepare a small group lesson with puppets using one of the peer interaction scripts as foundation to teach another positive social skill. Be prepared to share your creativity and strategies with colleagues to expand your student's prosocial skills.

Presenter: Jac McBride

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Integrating Speech And Language Therapy In Early Childhood Classrooms: Ideas And Strategies For Successful Implementation

Date: 07/08/2021

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This workshop will focus on integrating speech-language therapy and support into Early Childhood programs including blended classrooms and early childhood special education self-contained classrooms. The workshop is targeted towards Speech/Language Pathologists, classroom teachers, and other related service personnel (e.g., OT, PT, social workers) who are interested in learning more about ways to implement therapy into the classroom using an integrated, push-in approach. Knowledge of the Creative Curriculum and/or Project Approach is helpful but not required to attend. Topics will include data management, meeting IEP goals, MTSS intervention strategies and time management. Ideas for successful collaboration with the classroom team, therapy ideas for larger group and small group instruction, and opportunities and ideas to insure that therapeutic interventions are carried out by the classroom teams will also be shared.

Presenters: Doreen Comings, Ph.D., CCC-SLP/L, Cathy Koch, MA, CCC-SLP/L

Supporting Social-communication And Play For Preschool Students With Autism: An Overview Of The Advancing Social-communication And Play (Asap) Intervention - Part 2

Date: 07/15/2021

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

This follow-up session will address tips and troubleshooting related to ongoing implementation including topics such as team communication and collaboration, integrating the ASAP intervention into your every day classroom routines, and what to do if a child gets stuck on a goal. There will be opportunities for participant engagement through question and answers, as well as sharing your experiences with ASAP. Participants must have attended the previous webinar on 6/17/21 in order to participate on 7/15/21.

Presenter: Jessica Steinbrenner

Supporting Young Children Experiencing Grief And Loss

Date: 07/26/2021

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Unfortunately, this past year has brought loss and grief to many children. This webinar will explore how preschoolers experience grief and loss and what we as early childhood professionals can do to support them. We will explore repairing loss caused by remote learning, social distancing, illness and death. Major emphasis will be placed on recognizing grief in young children and understanding how they comprehend death. Ideas for supporting grieving preschoolers and their families will be provided including talking with children about death, activities to honor loved ones, books, and community resources.

Presenter: Elizabeth Frisbie

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Opening Doors And Minds To Preschool Fall 2021

Date: 08/05/2021

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The 20/21 school year brought challenges we never dreamed of into the forefront of education. What did we learn from this experience? What do we want to take into the next school year? In this workshop participants will explore lessons learned from the 20/21 school year and discuss how these experiences may help us move forward into the new school year. Topics including family engagement, transitions, instructional practices, assessment, and mental health strategies will be covered.

Presenters: Amanda Thompson, Alyssa Roge-Jimenez

Transdisciplinary Play Based Assessment-2

Date: 08/24/2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Play-based assessment is a functional, observational approach to assessment of infants and preschoolers. In this two day workshop, you will learn about the guidelines developed for the implementation of Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment-2, based on the latest research across cognitive, language, sensorimotor and emotional and social development. New parent information developed from that research will also be introduced. Upon completion, participants will be able to demonstrate knowledge of typical and atypical development across developmental domains through documentation of observation of play. Participants will examine facilitation strategies to elicit optimal levels of performance during a Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment. In addition, participants will understand how they can work as a team and document their observations in a transdisciplinary summary. Participants must attend all day, both days, in order to receive a Certificate of Attendance. You must attend all four dates to receive credit - August 24, August 26, September 9 and September 14, 2021

Presenter: Toni Linder, Ed.D.

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