



# ***Midwest Educational Leadership Conference***

June 26-28, 2017

**Mountain Thunder Lodge**  
50 Mountain Thunder Drive  
Breckenridge, Colorado 68132

## ***Impacting Students through Legal Advances and Support of Mental Health and Transition***

Featuring:

Julie Weatherly, Esq.  
Michael Furlong, Ph.D.  
Alexa Posny, Ph.D.  
Alice Parker, PhD.

## Midwest Educational Leadership Conference Schedule

### Monday June 26, 2016

07:30 - 08:30	Conference Registration and Hot Breakfast Buffet
08:30 - 09:00	Conference Welcome and Introductions
09:00 - Noon	Keynote Presentation
Noon - 1:00	Conference Lunch
1:00 - 3:30	Keynote Presentation continued

### Hot Topics in Special Education Law

**Presenter:** Julie J. Weatherly, Esq.

Julie is the owner of Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. She is a member of the State Bars of Alabama and Georgia, and for over 30 years, has provided legal representation and consultation to school agencies across the country in the area of educating students with disabilities. She is the author of the legal update article for the National CASE quarterly newsletter and is a member of LRP's Special Education Attorneys Advisory Council. In June of 1996, Julie appeared with Leslie Stahl on CBS news program "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 Georgia's Individual who had Contributed Most to Students with Disabilities, and in April 2012, Julie received the National CASE Award for Outstanding Service.

**Presentation Description:**

Litigation and federal agency action in the area of educating students with disabilities continues to be as hot as ever and does not appear to be slowing down any time soon! In this session, we will examine hot topics in special education as they are presented by recent court decisions, regulatory provisions and federal agency guidance, including that from the Department of Education's OSEP and OCR and the U.S. Department of Justice.



### Tuesday June 27, 2016

07:00 - 08:00	Hot Breakfast Buffet
08:00 - 11:00	Keynote Presentation
11:00 - 12:30	Lunch on your own
12:30 - 3:30	Keynote Presentation continued

### Practical Considerations for Implementing Schoolwide Monitoring and Screening of Student Social Emotional Health

**Presenter:** Dr. Michael Furlong – University of California in Santa Barbara

Dr. Furlong is a Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean of Research at UCSB in the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and is affiliated with the International Center for School Based Youth Development. A fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Educational Research Association, he is an Editor of the *Handbook of Positive Psychology in Schools* and for seven years was the Editor of the *Journal of School Violence*.

**Presentation Description:**

This presentation will inform participants about the procedures associated with successful universal complete mental health screening within the MTSS framework. Concrete steps for practitioners interested in implementing universal complete mental health in their schools to assess the mental health needs of their students will be provided. Universal complete mental health screening will be presented from a best-practice framework, while emphasizing the role of practitioners in carrying out the screening. Given the complexity of implementing universal screening, guidance on how to streamline administration procedures will be provided. Lastly, participants will learn how to follow-up with students, families, and school staff using the information gathered from the screening.



**Wednesday June 28, 2016**

07:00 - 08:00	Hot Breakfast Buffet
08:00 - 11:00	Closing Presentation
11:00 - 11:30	Conference Closing Activities

**Transition Options to Support Success in Life for Youth with Disabilities**

**Presenters:** Dr. Alexa Posny and Dr. Alice Parker

**Dr. Posny** earned her Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she also minored in special education. She earned a master's degree in behavioral disabilities from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Throughout her career, Dr. Posny has been heavily involved in program, policy and compliance issues at the district, state and federal levels. Most importantly, she has been a teacher at the elementary, middle and high school levels and remained a teacher until 2010, serving as adjunct faculty with the University of Kansas.

**Dr. Parker** is president of Parker Educational Consulting, Inc., the national director for special education for Cross & Jofstus, LLC, and the chair of the advisory board for Oneder.com. Parker is a past president of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, the recipient of their Heritage Award, and the recipient of the National Association of School Psychologists' Friend to Children's award for advocacy for students and youth with disabilities. Parker has a doctorate from the University of San Francisco in Education-Organization and Leadership, a Masters in Communicative Disorders from San Francisco State University, and a B.A. from Indiana University in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

**Presentation Description:**

This presentation will help educators understand that transition is based on the student's needs, taking into account his/her strengths, preferences, and interests; that it includes instruction, related services, community experiences, the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and, when appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.

**Conference Lodging**  
Mountain Thunder Lodge

For reservations call 1-888-525-1787 (Group code # is BC1ME8)  
or visit <http://j.tinyurl.com/z4yajbo> (please use Google Chrome as your browser for best results)

Taxes and fees are not included in online total but will be in the confirmation email from the Lodge.

**Room rates are as follows:**

Studio Condominium.....	\$164.00
One Bedroom Condominium .....	\$174.00
Two Bedroom Condominium.....	\$215.00
Two Bedroom Townhome.....	\$220.00
Three Bedroom Townhome.....	\$299.00

**Conference Registration\* Fee:**

Early Bird (Before April 1, 2017) 1 attendee \$325.00 3 or more attendees per district \$285.00 each

Regular (After April 1, 2017) 1 attendee \$345.00 3 or more attendees per district \$300.00 each

Registration available online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/midwest-educational-leadership-conference-2017-tickets-32063592067>

For more information contact Steve Milliken at 402-689-5718 or via email at [smilliken5@gmail.com](mailto:smilliken5@gmail.com)

*Cancellation fee of \$75.00 before May 1, 2017. No refund after May 1, 2017. \*Registration includes presentations, conference materials, and specified conference meals. Dress is business casual.*