

# Educational Highlights for Leaders

**State Support  
Team**



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Special Points of  
Interest:

**SAVE THE DATE**

SST Quarterly  
Regional Meeting

Featuring speaker,  
Dr. Maria Sargent

Friday, February  
20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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## **2014 Kathe Shelby Leadership Award Recipient: Shawna Benson**

State Support Team Region 2 would like to congratulate Shawna Benson, Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence, for being awarded the 2014 Kathe Shelby Leadership Award. This award was presented by Sue Zake, Director of the Office for Exceptional Children of the Ohio Department of Education, during a special ceremony at the 2014 Special Education Leadership Conference in Columbus, OH. Shawna currently serves as the Program Director Center for Teaching Diverse Learners at OCALI.

Shawna was chosen for this award based upon her work across the state involving effective programming for diverse learners. She has developed a system for teachers of students with low incidence disabilities to approach the Common Core and Ohio's new learning standards through high grade-level expectations and planning. She has provided trainings around the state in conjunction with regional staff and continues to support those regional staff and teacher teams as they grow in their abilities to plan and instruct students at their grade and ability levels.

Shawna recognizes that many teachers of students with diverse learning needs work in isolation without the support of their peers. She also realizes that by working together teachers can accomplish more than by working alone, so she is leading a project that connects Ohio teachers by allowing them to share unit plans based on learning standards and her planning guides on the OCALI website.



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## **2014 OLAC Action Forum**

**Registration Now Open for the 2014 OLAC Action Forum  
December 2, 2014 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This year's Ohio Leadership Advisory Council Action Forum will provide you with the opportunity to dig deeper into teacher based teams, exploring how to support their work to improve teaching and learning for all students. You'll learn how to create a culture of collaboration and shared accountability that fosters learning, helps educators find success with new initiatives, and, ultimately, benefits students.

The 2014 OLAC Action Forum will feature:

- A keynote presentation from Dr. Brian McNulty, Vice President of Leadership Development, The Leadership and Learning Center
- Presentations from educators and school teams sharing success stories, opportunities, and challenges.
- The announcement of the OLAC Outstanding District Award winner.

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**Individual Rate: \$99 | Group of Three or More Rate: \$89**

[Register Now](#)

**Register today - space is limited! No on-site registration will be available.**

**Don't Forget to Check Out Our State Support Team 2 Facebook Page and Twitter Feeds!**

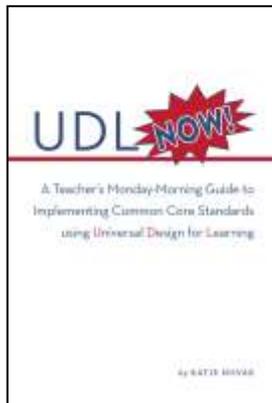


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## UDL Now! Book Study

Are you interested in learning about a framework that facilitates the development of barrier-free instruction and learning environments that provide access to all students? If so, please join SST 2, SST 5, and OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence) for an in-depth look at UDL Now! by Katie Novak. The book study begins on February 10, 2015. This book study is open to all, however, if you are an educator that works Erie, Huron, or Lorain county SST 2 will provide you with a complimentary copy of the book. Notify Jennifer Heim at [heim@sstr2.org](mailto:heim@sstr2.org) after you register for the book study at <http://bit.ly/sstr5ocaliudlnow> as well as registering in STARS to arrange for your copy of the book.



## TRAINING UPDATE!

### Refining your Practice: Curriculum Mapping and Assessment Techniques

On December 4 and 11, 2014, Shawna Benson, OCALI, and Jennifer Heim will be offering a professional development opportunity entitled 'Refining Your Practice: Curriculum Mapping and Assessment Techniques' for educators of students with significant cognitive disabilities who are ready to take the next step in instruction and assessment for their students. Day 1 is designed to assist teachers in building a scope and sequence for yearly content coverage using Ohio's Academic Content Standards (OACS) and Extended Standards (OACS-E) with embedded transition standards and skills. Day 2 provides a detailed overview on how assessments drive instruction for learners with low incidence disabilities/significant cognitive disabilities. Please register for this exciting professional development opportunity in STARS by November 26, 2014.



# The 2015 AT Vendor Fair is coming to a region near you!



## Save the Date!

**April 21** (hosted by SST 2)

Sawmill Creek  
400 Sawmill Creek Dr.  
Huron, Ohio 44839

**April 22** (hosted by SST 8)

NEOMED  
4209 State Route 44  
Rootstown, Ohio 44272

**April 23** (hosted by SST 11)

OCALE  
470 Glenmont Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43214

**April 24** (hosted by SST 13)

Princeton Administration Center  
3900 Cottingham Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

All events 9:00am – 3:00pm

### Collaborators

SST 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14,  
15, 16, OCALE, CISAM, and AT Ohio



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Not only has Shawna been supporting teachers within the County Board of DD settings as well as the public school settings, but has also supported those who are training to be teachers by developing and teaching courses at the university level. Shawna also co-developed the Ohio Academic Content Standards Extended (OACS-E) modules including: What Are Extended Academic Content Standards?; General Curriculum for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities; Planning for Instruction and Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities; Aligning Instruction with the Ohio ELA Content Standards – Extended; Aligning Instruction with the Ohio Mathematics Content Standards – Extended; Aligning Instruction with the Ohio Science Standards – Extended; and Aligning Instruction with the Ohio Social Studies Standards – Extended. On a national level, Shawna also collaborated with the National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness to develop modules on planning and balanced literacy instruction including: Strategies for Planning; Unit Planning; Tiered Planning; Daily Planning; and Collaborative Planning. These are free resources available to Ohio educators as well as educators across the country.

Shawna's skills and knowledge have touched educators of students with low incidence disabilities in the State Support Team Region 2 as well as across the state and nation. Please join us in congratulating Shawna on this high achievement!

### ***The Newest Member of State Support Team Region 2***

State Support Team Region 2 welcomes Cathy Bauer to the staff. Cathy is an Educational Consultant whose primary focus is Early Learning and School Readiness and the new monitoring process: Results Driven Accountability.

Cathy comes to the region with many years of experience. Prior to coming to SST 2 Cathy was the Director of Ashland County Preschool. She also was the Associate Director of the North Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (NCO SERRC). Cathy obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Kent State University and her Master's Degree from Akron University.

Please join us in welcoming Cathy to the region.



# Meeting the Needs of Struggling Writers

with Dr. Maria Sargent

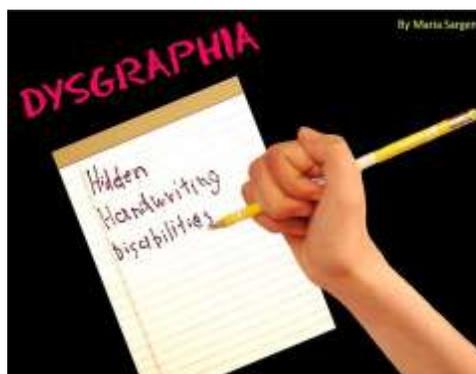
Do you have students who struggle with writing? Are unable to generate ideas, organize their thoughts, or struggle with spelling? Do you have students who may struggle with fine motor tasks as it relates to writing? Please join us as we look at ways to address the needs of school age students who struggle to put their thoughts on paper.

This upcoming event takes a look beyond conventions of writing and addresses the neurologic functions that help to support students in writing for academic and social purposes. The intended audience is Classroom Teachers, Intervention Specialists, Paraprofessionals, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, administrators, and parents/families. Check out this short video that introduces Dysgraphia.

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Region 2 is sponsoring this event presented by Dr. Maria Sargent, Professor Ashland University on February 20, 2015. Dr. Sargent comes to us with a wealth of information for educators and families. She has created a website which houses her information <https://www.neuro-teach.com/home.html> . Dr. Sargent encourages sharing of all the resources on her website. She asks in return to credit the source and connect others to her materials.

Dr. Sargent will present at Kalahari resorts in Sandusky, Ohio on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will be FREE. However, for guests that wish to stay the night special rates have been secured. The cost for the room stay on February 19<sup>th</sup> is \$149.00. If you wish to stay the night of February 20<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$199.00. You will have to book your room by January 20 to reserve these special rates. Included in these rates are 4 passes to the Kalahari Waterpark. The phone number for booking is 419-433-7759 or [www.kalahariresorts.com](http://www.kalahariresorts.com).



All attendees will need to register using an Ohio Safe Account (STARS). Here is the link <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. If you need assistance in creating a STARS account in order to register please contact Vicki Barbaro at 440-324-5777 ext. 1107

## **Early Childhood Training!**

### **Neurological Processing Problems in the Early Childhood Classroom: Solutions for the Struggling or Hard-to-Reach Child**

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

The Early Childhood Community in Region 2 has been diligently working to assist children who learn in a unique way. Based on regional requests, we will be featuring a FULL day presentation by Dr. Maria Sargent from Ashland University. Dr. Sargent will provide an overview of the neurological processing disorders that cause children to struggle in the Early Childhood Classroom.

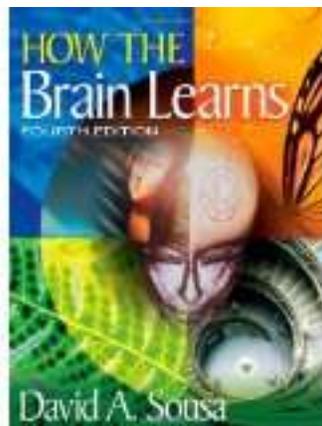
Problems to be examined include Visual, Auditory and Sensory Processing Disorders, and other conditions that affect impulse control, attention, cognitive development and other early childhood skills. She will also include Play-based interventions easily used by all teachers and applications to assist with discipline situations. Information on working with Hard-to-Reach Children will also be presented.

Please join us for Friday February 13, 2015 at the ESC of Lorain County for this event. All attendees will need to register in the Ohio Professional Development Registry ([www.opdn.org](http://www.opdn.org))  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

#### **PLUS**

The State Support Team will be offering a follow-up book study on this topic for anyone interested. The three follow-up days will be March 18, April 15, and May 6 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the ESC of Lorain County. We will be reading the book entitled:

How the Brain Learns by David A. (Anthony) Sousa



More information regarding these follow up sessions will be provided at the one-day training

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## Upcoming Events!

11/6/14 - Step Up To Quality Work Session  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

11/7/14 – Breakfast with Directors 8:30 AM-  
10:30 AM

11/12/14 - HQT for Moderate to Intensive  
Intervention Specialists - MATH, Day One of  
Three 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

NOTE: Location: State Support Team 3

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11/14/14 - Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards Overview 8:30 AM-  
3:30 PM

11/19/14 – Early Learning and Development Standards - Math Level 2 (Day one of  
two) 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

11/19/14 - Early Learning and Development Standards - Science Level 2 (Day one  
of two) 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

11/20/14 - Leadership Academy for New Administrators Responsible for Federal  
Programs 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Check out the Event Calendar on our website @ [www.sstr2.org](http://www.sstr2.org) for  
many more offerings!**

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