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# Changing Lives and Attitudes: Teaching Self-Advocacy Skills

2-DAY SUMMER INSTITUTE

For:  
*Special Educators  
Transition Coordinators  
Classroom Teachers  
School Administrators  
Family Members  
Students with Disabilities*

August 2 and 3, 2010  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sponsored by:



Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services



Register by: July 27, 2010

Register at 8 am:  
coffee and networking

Institute begins promptly  
at 8:45 am and  
adjourns by 3 pm

## Location:

BWTech Center (Incubator & Accelerator)  
**University of Maryland**  
**Baltimore County (UMBC)**  
Research and Technology Center  
1450 S. Rolling Rd. Baltimore, MD 21228

## Directions:

### From Baltimore:

Take I-95 South (follow Washington signs.)  
Pass the Beltway (I-695).  
Take the next exit (47B): bear WEST(right) on I 195 towards  
Catonsville.  
Stay in the middle lane: go PAST UMBC on the right until you come  
to the stop sign.  
Turn left onto Rolling Road (Rt.166) (South towards Arbutus).  
Go 1/2 mile to sign for "Rolling Road" There is also a sign to "Gun  
Road."  
*(If you start to go over a bridge, you've gone too far.)*  
The road immediately forks, take the left-hand turn to  
the **Incubator and Accelerator**.  
Proceed another 1/2 mile to the parking lot.

### From Washington DC:

Take I-95 North (toward Baltimore).  
Pass Harbor Tunnel (I-895) exit.  
Next exit (47B) will be I-195, go towards Catonsville.  
Continue from directions above.

### From BWI Airport:

Take I-195 North towards Baltimore.  
Continue from directions above.

## Keynote Speakers



### **Self-Determination, Self-Advocacy, and the Third Generation of the Inclusion Movement**

**Michael Wehmeyer**, Ph.D. is a Professor of Special Education; the Director, Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities; and the Associate Director, Beach Center on Disability, all at the University of Kansas. Dr. Wehmeyer teaches and conducts research in the education of students with intellectual disabilities. He is the author of more than 180 books, articles and chapters on disability and education-related issues, including self-determination, transition, universal design for learning, and technology use by people with cognitive disabilities.

Dr. Wehmeyer is the incoming President of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), past president of the CEC Division on Career Development and Transition, and Editor-in-Chief for the Journal Remedial and Special Education.

### **Breakout Sessions:**

A series of breakout sessions on topics such as: self-advocacy in elementary and secondary schools, student-led IEPs, self-determination, advocating for post-school career and learning options, and strategies for teaching self-advocacy skills. Presenters include: Dr. Colleen Thoma, Virginia Commonwealth University; Dr. Karrie Shogren, University of Illinois; Dr. Meg Grigal, Transcend; Dr. Laura Eisenman, University of Delaware; and other professionals and self-advocates.



### **Self-Advocacy and Youth Empowerment**

**Keith Jones** is the Founder, President and CEO of SoulTouchin' Experiences, an organization focusing on issues of access, inclusion and empowerment, which affect him and other people with a disability. Mr. Jones is also extremely active in multi-cultural, cross-disability education and outreach efforts. He conducts trainings that strengthen efforts to provide services and information to people with disabilities as well as educators, policy makers, service providers, and families.

Mr. Jones has been recognized locally and nationally as a strong advocate on a wide breadth of issues, including education, inclusion, employment, health care, home and community based services, the intersection of community business and public policy, and disability rights. Most recently Mr. Jones has been featured in two critically acclaimed documentaries: Dan Habib's "Including Samuel" and Maggie Doben's "Labeled Disabled".



### **"Facilitated Rebellion" as a Form of Self-Advocacy**

**Ari Ne'eman** joined MCIE in 2010 and is the Founding President of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), an organization of adults and youth on the autism spectrum. He first became involved in self-advocacy as a high school student, arguing for his own inclusion and access to high level academic courses. He recently graduated with a degree in Political Science from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County as a Sondheim Scholar of Public Affairs.

Mr. Ne'eman has been active in the autistic culture, neurodiversity and disability rights movements. His work has been featured in Newsweek, New York Magazine, Good Morning America, and many other media. He has been appointed to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee for the federal Department of Health and Human Services and has been appointed by President Obama to the board of the National Council on Disability.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Call 410-859-5400 or  
contact Dr. Barb Gruber  
at [barb@mcie.org](mailto:barb@mcie.org).

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee of \$150 per person includes tuition for both days, continental breakfast, lunch, training materials, and follow up information.

- My check is enclosed.  
 I am faxing this form and sending a check in the mail.  
 My school system/organization has agreed to pay.

Please send an invoice to: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note: Refunds will be offered for the full tuition if a cancellation is made at least 3 business days prior to the institute. A 50% refund will be available if a cancellation is received the day before the institute. NO REFUND WILL BE OFFERED FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND and have not given prior notification. Full payment will be required.*

Accommodations needed (e.g., meal, seating, materials, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please detach and mail this form  
by July 27, 2010 to:**

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Hanover, MD 21076  
**OR Fax it to: 410-859-1509**