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BC COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN | WINTER 2012 WORKSHOP

PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS: UNDERSTANDING & USING THEM EFFECTIVELY

Presented by Dave Carter

Friday, January 27, 2012 8:30am–3:30pm
St. Patrick's Parish Centre
2881 Main Street, Vancouver BC V5T 3G1

Schools are often the receivers of psycho-educational assessments. What do these assessments tell us and how do they help us as educators? Dave Carter will spend the day helping us to understand psycho-educational assessments and how to use them effectively for program planning.

Specifically, Dave will cover the following:

- What are the most common assessment tools that school psychologists use?
- Why are these assessments used? What do they measure?
- What is the DSM-IV TR and how is it used? What is a GAF score?
- What are the educational implications of the assessment scores? (When is a score far enough from the norm to be considered a 'significant difference'? What does this mean?)
- What can the assessments tell us about learning styles?
- How can psycho-educational assessments assist with supplementary Ministry funding applications?

But most importantly, Dave will cover how do we **use** a psycho-educational assessment for program planning to support student learning at school?

Dave will address all of the above questions in some detail. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own questions to the workshop.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Learning Assistance teachers, Special Education teachers, Classroom teachers interested in teaching Special Education, graduate students in education, and Teachers-on-Call interested in upgrading their skills.

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER:

Dr. Dave Carter has been an educator for 30 years, having worked as a Grade 6 and 7 teacher, a Learning Assistance teacher for grades K-7, a School Psychologist for Grades K-12, Director of Instruction (Student Support Services) in Central Okanagan School District #23, and most recently Director of Instruction (Student Support Services) in Surrey School District #36. Dave 'semi retired' in 2005 and has since been instructing for UBC and SFU, does psychological educational evaluations, and consults to the BC Ministry of Education and the Attorney General of BC.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Please register and pay online at www.bccec.org

Registration deadline: January 13, 2012

Register early, enrollment is limited.

Registration fee: CEC members \$50.00 | Non CEC members \$99.00

Registration fee includes workshop, handouts/materials, lunch and refreshments.

REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations with refunds (less a \$40.00 processing fee) can be made until **January 20, 2012**.

Cancellation requests can be made by emailing info@bccec.org.

ABOUT THE BC COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

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BC CEC's highlight each year is the YES I CAN! Awards celebration to recognize the outstanding achievements of students with exceptionalities in British Columbia. Students from around the province are recognized in one of seven different categories: academics, arts, athletics, school and community activities, technology, self-advocacy, and transition. BC CEC is thrilled to be able to share in the pride and joy of families and friends of the YES I CAN! winners each year. Consider nominating a student you know. The 2012 BC CEC YES I CAN! nomination forms will be available January 2012. For more information, go to the BC CEC website at www.bccec.org.

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