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FDLRS 2010-2011 Parent/Professional Learning Calendar

	Workshop Description	Date/Time	Facilitator
Parent Workshops	<p>More Alike than Different (6 points) This workshop will provide participants with hands on activities and strategies for developing an awareness of students with disabilities through fun simulations and viewing Rick Lavoie's video, "F.A.T. City".</p>	10/08/10 5-7 pm	Mullens Taft Room: Earhart
	<p>Visual Strategies (Part 1) Come to a make and take on visual strategies for everyday life. Experts will demonstrate effective use of a variety of visual tools for increasing positive behaviors and decreasing negative behaviors. (This workshop is part one of two and is limited to 20 participants. Families only please)</p>	11/02/10 9-11:30 am	Prince Stidham Room: Wright Brothers
	<p>Visual Strategies (Part 2): Board Maker for Parents Families will learn how to use Boardmaker software to create visual supports or communication boards to help their children understand, express themselves, improve overall behavior, and participate in school and home routines. They will also receive a website with many already created boards that they can access and print at home. An overview of the Boardmaker parent lab available at FDLRS will be featured. (This workshop is part two and is limited to 20 participants. Families only please)</p>	11/30/10 9 -11:30 am	Day Room: FDLRS Computer Lab
	<p>CARD's Toilet Training Basics for Home and School (6 points) Center for Autism and Related Disabilities will present toilet training basics workshop for early childhood. Data collection tools will be included. These data tools can be integrated in the classroom for the child.</p>	12/2/10 5-7 pm	King Taft Room: Earhart
	<p>True Colors for Families Identify your own true color and recognize the other family members' color strengths. Learn how to support all colors at home and at school. (This workshop is limited to 25 participants. Families only please)</p>	12/9/10 9-11 am	Mullens Taft Room: Wright Brothers
	<p>Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop for Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities (4 points) Families of middle and high school age children with disabilities are invited. Kay Noble, District Guidance Specialist for Polk County Schools, will present topics on scholarships and scholarship searches, financial aid and the financial aid application process.</p>	January TBA 9-11 am repeated 5:30-7:30 pm	Noble TBA



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<p>Ready to Read Strategies for Home or Classroom: (10 points) Would you like to learn simple strategies for creating a strong reader? You don't want to miss this learning opportunity to understand the skills necessary for reading and explore ways to help your child be ready to read and learn. Class is limited to 20 participants.</p>	<p>1/13/10 9-11:30 am</p>	<p>Ahlschwede Bigsby Taft Room: Wright Brothers</p>
<p>Brain Workout for Families (6 points) Learn a series of 26 body movements to help your child enhance learning and build self esteem. These movements are used to integrate all areas of the brain to learn more effectively.</p>	<p>2/10/11 9-11:30 am</p>	<p>Mullens Taft Room: Wright Brothers</p>
<p>Effective Parent/Teacher Conferences (6 points) Learn strategies for effective parent/teacher conferences and meetings. Families will list ways to prepare for a conference, identify strategies that enhance positive communication during a conference and provide follow-up support for each other after a plan has been determined.</p>	<p>3/10/11 9-11am</p>	<p>Yost Taft Room: Earhart</p>
<p>Person Centered Planning: PATH (6 points) PATH (Planning Positive Possible Futures) is a creative planning tool which starts in the future and works backwards to an outcome of first (beginning) steps that are possible and positive.</p>	<p>3/24/11 5-7 pm</p>	<p>Yost Taft Room: Earhart</p>
<p>Exploring New Territories (6 points) Come and explore the <u>New Territories Booklet</u> and discover the richness of resources that can be applied to hot topics such as the continuity of learning, universal design and access and the vast array of accessible instructional materials available on the web to help your child.</p>	<p>4/5/11 9-11 am</p>	<p>Day Room: FDLRS Computer Lab</p>
<p>Handwriting for Home (6 points) Come learn fun and interactive strategies to help your child with pencil grip, formation, spacing, reversals, and more. Following this 2-hour workshop, you will have the tools and strategies you need to support your child's handwriting needs. Intended audience: Parents of kindergarten-fifth grade students struggling with handwriting.</p>	<p>4/7/11 9-11 am</p>	<p>TBA Room: Wright Brothers</p>
<p>On Track to Transition (10 points) Join FND/FDLRS/ESE in a Mini-Conference for Families, Students, and Professionals preparing for transitioning Students from School to Community. Free materials and resources included.</p>	<p>TBA 8:30-3:30</p>	<p>FND, Community Agencies, ESE/FDLRS Room: Wright Bros.</p>



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All the above workshops will be held at 270 Bartow Municipal Airport. (Highway 17)		
Agency Fair: (3 points) Come visit with community and state agencies to receive information about important matters that concern you and your child's future. Stay tuned for more information. Agency Fair will be held at the Jim Miles Professional Development Center 5204, US Hwy. 98 South, Lakeland, FL 33813	2/24/11 9:30 am- 12 pm	Jim Miles Center ESE/FDLRS /Local and State Agencies
Additional Parent Resources/Online Tutorials Just like attending a Family Network on Disabilities (FND) workshop only from the comfort of your own home. Go to the FND of Florida website www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp . Viewing each workshop takes approximately 30 minutes but you may go at your own pace.		
FDLRS Make and Take Room is open Monday – Friday (7:30 am – 4:00 pm). Available Equipment in the FDLRS Make and Take Room includes over 600 Ellison die cuts (large and small); Ellison Die cut machines, paper cutters, book binding machine and Board Maker. Please call Tracy Hannah at 863-647-4258 to reserve a time.		

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Tracy Hannah @ 647-4258 or Patricia Hunter, Equity Coordinator, @ 863-534-0513. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling Florida Relay Service @ 1-800-955-8771