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◆ **The Largest Special Education Conference in Michigan** ◆

March 3 - March 5, 2010
Grand Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

70TH Annual Statewide Conference

hosted by the
Michigan Council for Exceptional Children



Together We Learn Better

register online at 
www.MichiganCEC.org

❖ Hotel Reservations ❖

Grand Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Make your reservations by calling
800.253.3590

Reservations: Make your own - cancellations must be 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid the charge being placed on your credit card. Rates are subject to 6% sales tax and 7% hotel tax.

MCEC Room Rates:

Double Bed (1/2 person)	\$126
Double/Double (2 persons)	\$126
Triple Accommodation	\$136
Quad Accommodation	\$146

Parking: Valet parking is \$25 per day and subject to change by Grand Plaza. Self-parking is \$16 per day and subject to change.

Special Accommodations: The hotel has barrier free rooms and other accommodations for special needs. Clearly state specific needs when you make your room reservations.

Grand Rapids Activities: Contact the Grant Rapids Convention Bureau at <www.visitgrandrapids.org>

❖ Key Dates ❖

September 29 - Evening Outreach Program - Westside
October 6 - Evening Outreach Program - Eastside
November 3 - Linda Tilton Workshop in Novi, Michigan
November 20 - Conference Presenter's Proposals due
November 20 - Exceptional Children Poster Contest closes
December 11 - Presenters notified
December 18 - All Honors and Awards nominations due
January 1 - 70th Annual Statewide Conference program posted at <www.MichiganCEC.org>
February 13 - No refunds for cancellation. MCEC has already incurred graphic design, printing, hotel and registration expenses
March 3 - One day workshops
March 4 - Honors and Awards Reception
March 4/5 - Annual Conference
March 12 - Campership applications due
April 1 - MCEC Foundation Scholarship applications due

❖ ❖ Conference FAQs ❖ ❖

When can I see the breakout sessions being offered at the 2010 conference so I can decide whether to attend?

The breakout sessions provided on Thursday and Friday are posted on our web site at the beginning of January. This is because the *Call for Presenters* ends in early November and selections are made prior to the holiday recess. Presenters are notified and given ten days to confirm - then a draft of the conference breakout sessions can be posted. Shortly after that, the program goes to print.

Will there be any breakout sessions on topics such as identifying LD, RtI or Transition?

Approximately 100 breakout sessions are offered on Thursday and Friday that cover just about every topical area in the profession. The best way to get a feel of the breakout sessions is to peruse last year's program that is posted on our web site. Sessions are one or two hours but 'strands' are longer.

Strands provide 4-5 consecutive hours of breakout sessions on a single theme. Prior conference strands have included topics such as:

- curriculum
- leadership
- early childhood
- behavior
- technology
- parents/families

Why are the one day workshops a separate fee from the two day conference?

One day workshops feature nationally recognized practitioners on hot topic areas in the field. The workshops are all day sessions that provide an in depth and more intense focus on a single issue. These workshops involve a greater expense because of contractual fees, lodging, travel, and materials. Lunch is also provided.

If I cannot register ahead of time, can I do it onsite at the conference?

One can register ahead of time on our website or by mailing in the registration form in this brochure. Onsite registration for the conference or for CEUs are not a problem.

Who attends the conference?

The analysis of our data over the past five years shows that 65% register as professionals, 18% as undergraduate students, 5% as parents/retired, and 12% as presenters. A little over 30% of the attendees are members of MCEC - who receive a substantial reduction in their registration fee.

The conference is put on by volunteers throughout the state. Profits from the conference are invested in the Recognition and Scholarship programs sponsored by MCEC and help support other activities of the organization.

Further information is located at www.MichiganCEC.org including membership links to National CEC.



MCEC Conference Registration



You can also register online at www.MichiganCEC.org

Please print legibly. Your name badge is printed from this information:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

School District/Affiliation/University _____

Phone contact _____ CEC membership ID# _____

Email contact _____

I would like to do a volunteer activity during the conference

Conference Registration

Thursday and Friday Breakout Sessions

The two day conference registration fee does **not** include the Wednesday workshop fee.

	Circle amount	
	Non Member	Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional (2 days)	\$175	\$130
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Retired (2 days)	\$110	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Presenter (2 days)	\$85	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday only (1 day)	\$110	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday only (1 day)	\$110	\$100

Wednesday One Day Workshop

A participant may attend the one day workshop separately without registering/attending the full two day conference.

	Non Member	
	Member	Member
<input type="checkbox"/> One day workshop	\$160	\$140

Workshop choice (choose one)

- #1 - Co-Teaching and Collaboration
- #2 - Guiding the Most Challenging Children
- #3 - Hot Topics and Fundamentals of Special Ed

Group Rate Special

Register 10 or more staff and receive 10% off your total. All registration forms must be in one packet with one check.

Wednesday and Thursday Special

Attend the one day workshop and one day of the conference for a special fee of: \$225.

Student Registration

Full time **undergraduate** students attending a Michigan university may apply for a stipend to help defray the costs of the two day conference. Contact the student president of your local CEC chapter. Undergraduate registration fee for the two day (Thurs/Fri) conference is \$50.

Continuing Education Units

A participant can acquire up to 1.5 SB-CEUs. A .5 SB-CEU for the one day workshop and a 1.0 SB-CEU for the two day conference.

- 0.5 SB-CEU \$10
- 1.0-1.5 SB-CEU \$20

Total Conference Fees

Conference (Thurs/Fri) Registration \$ _____
 Wednesday Workshop \$ _____
 Group Rate Special \$ _____
 Wednesday and Thursday Special \$ _____
 CEU \$ _____

Amount Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to *Michigan CEC* and send to:

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 6556 Colby Lake Rd
 Laingsburg, MI 48848
 Fax or voice mail: 810.588.6886

Payment and Cancellation

Read me: Cancellations prior to February 13th are subject to a \$50 processing fee. Cancellation fees include fixed costs per person already encumbered by MCEC for the design and printing of the conference program, name tags, badge holders, database entry and pre-conference flyers. No refunds for cancellations after February 13th. Any refund of \$20 or less will not be issued, unless requested.

Payment: Credit cards cannot be accepted. Checks, money orders or school district purchase orders only.

Registration: If you would like confirmation that you are registered be sure to include a legible email address above.