

# Wild About Pre-K

This three-day, beginning level training introduces teachers to the Pre-K Guidelines and provides a plethora of activities to teach to the standards as well as how to modify instruction for students with special needs. Topics include managing centers and small group instruction, strategies to include during circle time and even some basic sign language! Come prepared to sing, dance, and create multiple developmentally appropriate activities.

- WHEN:** June 7-9, 2010
- WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX
- TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
- PRESENTER:** Cherie Losack  
Margaret Rozell
- AUDIENCE:** Childcare Staff, Parents, Early Childhood Teachers, Headstart Teachers, PPCD
- FEE:** \$135.00
- ESC CONTACT:** Dr. Marcia Montague, Education Specialist  
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- SESSION ID:** 107409
- REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the “Online Event Registration” button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose “No I am new to ESCWorks” and follow the registration instructions.



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**WHEN:** June 21, 2010

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville TX

**PRESENTER:** Jeanne Patrick, Education Specialist  
Region VI Education Service Center

**AUDIENCE:** Counselors, Diagnosticians/LSSPs, Parents, Special Education Directors, Transition Specialists, Vocational Adjustment Coordinators, PEIMS Coordinators, Principals/Asst. Principals, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

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**SESSION ID:** 113587

**REGISTRATION:** **To register online**, go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Register" button in the top right-hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No, I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.



## **2011 Texas Teacher of the Year Program** ***Nomination Guidelines and Application***

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will reward and recognize excellence in the teaching profession through the Texas Teacher of the Year Program (TOY). The TOY Program honors excellence in classroom education and provides a forum to showcase many outstanding educators whose efforts and examples inspire their students, their colleagues, and the communities they serve. School districts are encouraged to complete a Teacher of the Year application and to participate in the Texas Teacher of the Year Program to recognize and reward outstanding teachers.

Annually, Regional Teachers of the Year are selected at the elementary and secondary levels for each of the state's 20 education service center regions. These Regional Teachers of the Year become semifinalists for the state Teacher of the Year competition. From these semifinalists, a state panel selects one Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and one Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. One of these two teachers is then selected to represent the State of Texas in the national Teacher of the Year competition.

The Teacher of the Year nomination guidelines and application for 2011 are available on TEA's website at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/edex/awards/toy.html>. The guidelines outline the program requirements and contain suggestions for conducting local Teacher of the Year searches. School districts may select their Teacher of the Year through a locally developed process. Please note that the completed application for each local school district's Teacher of the Year must be received at the Education Service Center, Region VI **no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010** (CST), to be eligible to compete for regional and state honors.

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# Video Modeling to Enhance Appropriate Behaviors for Students with Autism

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**\*This workshop is limited to twenty participants. Flip video cameras will be provided.**

**WHEN:** June 28, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX 77340

**TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Darren Avey, AT Specialist  
Mark Ammons, AT Specialist

**AUDIENCE:** Assistive Technology Staff, Paraprofessionals-Instructional, Parents, Speech Language Pathologists, All Level Teachers, Teachers of the Deaf, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Nodya Thornton, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 109386  
CEUs – 5 SLP hours

**REGISTRATION:** To Register online go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the “Online Event Registration” button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose “No I am new to ESCWorks” and follow the registration instructions.



# Create Wonderful Environments for Young Children that Include Effective Learning Centers

The classroom environment has a tremendous impact on the development, learning, and behaviors of young children. Discover how to design a marvelous early childhood classroom that matches young children's way of knowing while challenging them with exciting new possibilities. Learning centers are a great way to inspire learning in young children. Investigate the selection of centers and management of operations. Enrich traditional centers that will help insure that they work well. Find ways to nurture language development, literacy, cooperative play, and role playing in centers so these areas can be improved. Learn how to evaluate centers, document children's learning, and reinvigorate the choices. Collect ideas for some unique centers that will be creative additions to your space and encourage new experiences for your children. Take in-depth looks inside "real" centers, see children using the areas, and hear their words in describing what they are doing. Leave with new center ideas and a greater understanding of the power of the environment that includes learning centers.

- WHEN:** July 8, 2010
- WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX
- TIME:** 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- PRESENTER:** Dr. Rebecca Isbell, Author and Consultant
- AUDIENCE:** Childcare Staff, Parents, Early Childhood Teachers, Special Education Teachers
- FEE:** \$45.00
- ESC CONTACT:** Dr. Marcia Montague, Education Specialist  
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- SESSION ID:** 107683
- REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Online Event Registration" button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No, I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.

# 10 Steps to Positive Discipline with Young Children

Learn to use positive discipline techniques to reduce power struggles, teach problem solving, empower victims, transform bullies, and increase compliance. Learn to be “Brain Smart.” All of this and more will be discussed in an interactive 2-day session that will focus on teaching young children to communicate and respond rather than react to daily problems.

**WHEN:** August 5-6, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX

**TIME:** 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Pam Payne, Behavior Coach

**AUDIENCE:** Childcare Staff, Parents, Early Childhood Teachers, Elementary/Primary Teachers, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$90.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Dr. Marcia Montague, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 107729

**REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the “Online Event Registration” button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose “No I am new to ESCWorks” and follow the registration instructions.



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**WHEN:** August 10, 2010

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**WHERE:** Brazos Center  
3232 Briarcrest Drive, Room 102  
Bryan, TX  
(979) 776-8338

**PRESENTER:** Jeanne Patrick, Education Specialist  
Region VI Education Service Center

**AUDIENCE:** Counselors, Diagnosticians/LSSPs, Parents, Special Education Directors, Transition Specialists, Vocational Adjustment Coordinators, PEIMS Coordinators, Principals/Asst. Principals, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Jeanne Patrick, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 113590

**REGISTRATION:** **To register online**, go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Register" button in the top right-hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No, I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.



# Preschool Education: Discover the Fun in Learning

When it comes to teaching children at the preschool level, nothing helps a teacher more than new ideas. Participants will acquire new ideas for reading, spelling, writing, math, and science to stimulate learning in all school environments. It is important to start this process early and make learning fun. Participants will use Boardmaker v.6 to create activities that increase vocabulary, comprehension, and phonemic awareness. Participants will be given a web address to download activities made and many more. Websites and software for reading, rhymes, and music will be used in conjunction with language and communication activities created in Boardmaker.

**WHEN:** September 27, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX

**TIME:** 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Darren Avey, AT Specialist  
Mark Ammons, AT Specialist

**AUDIENCE:** Paraprofessionals-Instructional, Parents, Early Childhood Teachers, Headstart, PPCD Teachers, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Dr. Marcia Montague, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 109765

**REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Online Event Registration" button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.



# **Back by popular demand**

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**WHEN:** September 28, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX 77340

**TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Darren Avey, AT Specialist  
Mark Ammons, AT Specialist

**AUDIENCE:** Assistive Technology Staff, Paraprofessionals-Instructional, Parents, Speech Language Pathologists, All Level Teachers, Teachers of the Deaf, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACTS:** Nodya Thornton, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 112622  
CEUs – 5 SLP hours

**REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the “Online Event Registration” button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose “No I am new to ESCWorks” and follow the registration instructions.



# Work Jobs for Students with Disabilities

Join us for a fun, stress-free workshop and take home new teaching strategies for working with students with disabilities. There will be time for brainstorming new ideas, as well as make-n-take time to create work jobs for your classroom. Learn how to assess students, task analyze, and modify different activities to ensure that your students get the maximum benefit from these exciting activities. Everyone in your classroom can benefit from work time with work jobs. All activities presented are geared toward helping your students successfully master their IEP goals and objectives. If you teach Life Skills or PPCD, then this workshop is for you!

**WHEN:** October 4, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX

**TIME:** 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Susan Pilger, M.Ed, Special Education Teacher

**AUDIENCE:** Childcare Staff, Paraprofessionals-Instructional, Parents,  
PPCD Teachers, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Dr. Marcia Montague, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 109061

**REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Online Event Registration" button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.



# **Facilitating IEPs: Basic Facilitation Practices**

This session is designed to provide ARD Chairpersons, ARD Facilitators, and other ARD committee members (including parents) the skills useful in preventing or resolving conflicts. Federal and state law mandates group decision-making. This training focuses on the “process” of decision-making, reaching consensus, and the critical role of the IEP facilitator in supporting collaborative relationships between schools and parents.

**WHEN:** **October 12, 2010**  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville TX

**PRESENTER:** Laura Otey, Consultant

**AUDIENCE:** Assessment (Evaluation) Personnel, Diagnosticians/LSSPs, Parent Involvement Specialists, Parents, Principals/Asst. Principals, Special Education Directors, Special Education Coordinators, All Level Teachers, Special Education Teachers, Transition Specialists, Vocational Adjustment Coordinators

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Teresa Anderson, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 114709

**REGISTRATION:** **To register online**, go to the Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the “Online Event Registration” button in the top right-hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have accounts set up, choose “No, I am new to ESCWorks” and follow the registration instructions.



# Structuring the Classroom for Special Students

An organized classroom is critical for student success. Participants will learn to structure the environment using visual order and tools for students with autism and low incidence disabilities. Students' comfort zones are enhanced when they can predict where the instruction and activities will take place. With a well structured room, compliance in the classroom can increase. This training will provide ideas that can be utilized in and out of the classroom. Participants will receive Joane Walvoord's publication, *Golden Ideas For Golden Students*.

- WHEN:** October 29, 2010
- WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX 77340
- TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
- PRESENTER:** Joane Walvoord, Consultant
- AUDIENCE:** Paraprofessionals-Instructional, Parents, All Level Teachers,  
Special Education Teachers
- FEE:** \$45.00
- ESC CONTACT:** Nodya Thornton, Education Specialist  
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- SESSION ID:** 113216
- REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Online Event Registration" button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No, I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.



# Adapting Books to Promote Active Participation

Spend the day learning how to adapt typical storybooks. A typical storybook can become a book with moveable parts (made using Boardmaker) and an auditory book (using voice output devices and switches). Learn strategies for choosing books to adapt, choosing adaptations that meet your students' physical and cognitive needs, and strategies for story time that include and require entire class participation.

**WHEN:** November 4, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX

**TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTER:** Sue Berlin – Occupational Therapist and AT Practitioner

**AUDIENCE:** Childcare Staff, Paraprofessionals-Instructional, Parents, Early Childhood Teachers, Headstart Teachers, PPCD Teachers, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$45.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Dr. Marcia Montague, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 111563

**REGISTRATION:** To Register online go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Online Event Registration" button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.



# I'm New to Teaching Students on the Autism Spectrum: HELP!

This session is for teachers and paraprofessionals who are working with students on the autism spectrum for the first time. Participants will learn where to start and how to implement quality programs for students.

This training will be based on the principles of TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-Handicapped Children). Participants will learn the basic elements of structured teaching and visual strategies. Participants will learn how to create a physical structure for the classroom, develop a profile for receptive language, expressive language, interest, academic abilities, work skills and behavior concerns.

***This is a must have training!***

**WHEN:** November 4-5, 2010

**WHERE:** Education Service Center, Region VI  
Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, TX

**TIME:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTERS:** Angela Cade-Hill, Consultant  
Kathy Morris, Consultant  
Lisa Rogers, Consultant

**AUDIENCE:** Behavior Specialists, Paraprofessionals-Instructional,  
All Level Teachers, Special Education Teachers

**FEE:** \$90.00

**ESC CONTACT:** Nodya Thornton, Education Specialist  
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**SESSION ID:** 110759

**REGISTRATION:** **To Register online** go to Region VI website at [www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net). Click on the "Online Event Registration" button in the top right hand corner. You will receive a sign-in prompt. If you do not already have an account set up, choose "No I am new to ESCWorks" and follow the registration instructions.





# MASTER SCHEDULE BUILDER TRAINING

The Education Service Center Region VI will be hosting the **Master Schedule Building Workshop** on **January 12 & 13, 2011**. This two-day workshop empowers attendees to *Get Ahead of Schedule* and positively impact students, teachers, and staff. More than 30,000 school schedulers nationwide have learned how to build superior master schedules as a result of this workshop – you can, too.

Understanding how to build an effective master schedule is a must for everyone in secondary education who is responsible for this critical task. After all, a school's master schedule directly impacts what matters most – student achievement.

Hands-on training is the essential ingredient in mastering this skill – and is the key to working smarter, not harder. This comprehensive training course is designed for all experience levels and positions including principals, counselors, registrars, and department heads. **It is not software specific.** **Bob Hanson of Pearson School Systems**, a former counselor and high school principal will conduct the workshop. Mr. Hanson has developed master schedules for a variety of schools and has worked with hundreds of administrators in building their master schedules for over 30 years.

## Master Schedule Building Workshop Highlights

- **Learn** key elements in school schedule building, including decision making, scheduling logic, analysis procedures, and practical, time saving techniques.
- **Significantly** reduce student conflicts and improve multi-section balance, while honoring special staff requests.
- **Explore** teaming, block scheduling, extended period scheduling, and small learning communities.
- **Translate** scheduling concepts to your unique school and situation.
- **Exchange** ideas and discuss problems and solutions while developing new master scheduling skills.

## General Information

### **Location:**

Region VI Professional Development Center  
3332 Montgomery Road  
Huntsville, Texas 77340

### **Maximum participants:**

60

### **Workshop Hours:**

Day One: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Day Two: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

### **Questions:**

Email [kewis@esc6.net](mailto:kewis@esc6.net) or call 936-435-8316.

### **Cost:**

**\$375** per participant  
Fee includes continental breakfast & lunch for both days.

### **Register today at:**

[www.esc6.net](http://www.esc6.net)

Go to Events & Trainings - click Register  
Enter Session ID# **108668**

**Registration will close December 3, 2010.**