

SAVE THE DATE Illinois Early Childhood Summit

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Heartland Community College Normal, Illinois

Engagement Classroom Model: Individualizing Preschool Inclusion

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This year includes focused content for practitioners :

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Routines-based needs assessment Integrated services, including integrated therapy Embedded interventions and incidental teaching Zone defense scheduling Teachers' engagement data collection

This presentation will include practical, evidence-based strategies for promoting active engagement and preventing behavioral problems caused by restlessness and boredom in preschoolers. Detailed, concrete strategies designed to make the most of natural learning opportunities, maximize classroom efficiency and engagement, assess child functioning, and integrate therapy into classroom routines will be presented.

About the presenter: Dr. McWilliam is one of the nation's leading researchers in early intervention/early childhood

special education. He is the foremost investigator of engagement in children with disabilities and is the author, with Amy Casey, of the only book on child engagement, *Engagement of Every Child in the Preschool Classroom*. Dr. McWilliam is the Past President of the CEC Division for Research and is on the steering committee for CEC's efforts to define and identify evidence-based practices in special education. Dr. McWilliam's workshops are highly interactive and applied, and he is in constant demand as a speaker and consultant, throughout the U.S. and in Europe.

There is no cost to participate in the Illinois Summit. For information on registration, contact Johnna Darragh at Heartland Community College, Johnna.Darragh@heartland.edu.

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