

Featured Speakers

Janice Fialka, LMSW, ACSW, is a nationally recognized speaker, author, and social worker. She is currently the Special Projects Trainer for Michigan's Early On (Part C of IDEA) Training and Technical Assistance. She has provided the keynote address and workshops for Zero to Three National Training Institute, OSEP National Early Childhood Conference, Division of Early Childhood (DEC) of CEC, International Parent to Parent, OSEP National Parent Center Conference as well as numerous other conferences in Canada and the United States. Ms. Fialka has experience and expertise in parent-professional partnerships, inclusive practices, adolescent health, and post secondary education for students with cognitive disabilities. She has directed several teen health centers in Michigan, including the Taylor Teen Health Center, which she co-founded in 1988.

Ingrid Crepeau has been designing and constructing puppets of all kinds for over 40 years. In 1971 she joined The Allen Stevens Puppet Company at the Smithsonian Institution where she designed, constructed, costumed, and performed with puppets in traditional and original productions. A cofounder of Patchwork Puppet Productions, Ms. Crepeau won two regional Emmy Awards for puppet design for **SNEAKERS**, an award-winning children's television series on WDVM-TV in Washington, D.C. Her bicentennial puppet, Arbor the Eagle, is in The Smithsonian's permanent collection. Ms. Crepeau's creations have appeared in several major theatre productions in Washington, D.C., including the Arena Stage, Ford's Theatre and The Kennedy Center's Programs for Children and Youth. In October 1984, she designed and constructed six life-size dinosaurs for **DINOSAUR ROCK**. Now, as a cofounder of Dinorock Productions, Inc., she has delighted children across the country with her tremendous puppets and sets. Ms. Crepeau has been a Master Artist with The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through The Arts since 1985, doing professional development workshops for teachers of young children in classrooms around the country, as well as at numerous early childhood conferences. In October of 2003 Ms. Crepeau's book "**A Show of Hands: Puppetry with Young Children**" was published by Redleaf Press.

Michele Valeri, a native Washingtonian, is a singer, songwriter and children's entertainer. Her years of teaching and performing have taken her to every kind of stage, from elementary school auditoriums to the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center and the White House. She has performed

in South America, Europe and the Far East under the auspices of the United States Information Agency. Ms. Valeri has produced, composed and performed five award-winning children's CDs. Her latest CD, produced with Michael Stein and Ingrid Crepeau, **Dreamosaurus** won a Parent's Choice Gold Award and was nominated for a Grammy for the "Best Musical Recording for Children" in 2000. In 1984 Ms. Valeria, Mr. Stein and Ms. Crepeau formed **Dinorock Productions, Inc.**, a touring children's theatre company devoted to presenting educational and entertaining shows for the whole family with puppetry and live music. The Dinorockers are still traveling all over the lower 48 in a big white truck with the dinosaurs in the back. In 2004 Ms. Valeria was part of the musical CD **cELLABrations**, a collection of songs by Ella Jenkins, sung by various artists and produced by Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer. The work won the Grammy for Best Children's Musical CD of 2004. Since 1981 she has been a Master Artist with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts. She is also on the Kennedy Center's roster of performing artists who do workshops through their Partners-in-Education national network.

Location and Lodging

The conference will be held at The Cavalier Hotel, Oceanfront at 42nd St., Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23451. Participants must make hotel reservations for overnight stay by calling the Cavalier Hotel at 757-425-8555 or 888-SINCE-27. The conference rate for the rooms at The Oceanfront Cavalier will be \$148.00 per night from July 14-16, 2010. The Cavalier is also offering the special rate of \$148.00 per night at their historic property, The Cavalier on the Hill. To receive these rates, please identify yourself as part of the SHINING STARS CONFERENCE. Make your reservations early, as space is limited. The reservation room block will close on July 2, 2010.

Who Should Attend

- ★ Early Childhood Special Educators ★
- ★ Early Childhood Educators ★ Related Service Providers ★
Head Start, Title I, and Even Start Providers ★
- ★ Childcare Providers ★ Administrators ★
- ★ Early Childhood Paraprofessionals ★
- ★ Families ★ Virginia Preschool Initiative ★
- ★ Early Intervention Providers ★
- ★ Early Head Start Providers ★

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Shining Stars:

Charting the Future for Today's Children Virginia's Seventh Annual Early Childhood Conference

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The Cavalier Hotel, Oceanfront
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The Virginia Department of Education
The Virginia Department of Education's T/TACs
The Partnership for People with Disabilities
Virginia Division for Early Childhood
Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia

Shining Stars 2010 Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, July 14th, 2010

12:00 – 1:00 pm Registration/ Vendors Open
 1:00 – 1:30 pm Welcome
 1:30 – 3:30 pm Opening Keynote Address

Janice Fialka

The Dance of Partnership: Why do my feet hurt? Strengthening the parent-professional partnership

Janice Fialka is a nationally recognized speaker, author, and social worker with expertise in parent-professional partnerships, inclusive practices, adolescent health, and post secondary education for students with cognitive disabilities. She speaks and writes from her dual perspectives as a seasoned social worker and as a mother of two adult children, one of whom has disabilities. This keynote address is designed to help professionals and parents, who have children with special needs, to better understand the challenges faced as they form and maintain partnerships with each other. Using humor and stories, Ms. Fialka explores the unique dimensions that complicate this working relationship from both perspectives: parent and professional. She addresses such questions as: *Can there truly be a partnership? What does each partner bring to this alliance: similarities and differences? How can partners be more effective in their work together?*

3:30 – 4:30 pm Vendors/Networking Social

Thursday, July 15th, 2010

7:30 – 8:00 am Registration/Vendors Open
 Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 4:30 pm Breakout Session Topics

- ★ Strengthening the Parent Professional Partnership
- ★ Overview of the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
- ★ Parents & Learning - A Workshop for Teachers
- ★ Using Technology to Support Language, Literacy & Communication
- ★ Creating Switches and Adapting Toys
- ★ Engaging Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Ten Steps to Success
- ★ Using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) to Promote Positive Outcomes for All Children of All Abilities
- ★ Promising Practices for Creating Brighter Futures for Young Children Experiencing Homelessness
- ★ Video Modeling as an Intervention Strategy
- ★ Visual Supports Including Your Interactive Whiteboard
- ★ Viewing Autism Through a Cross-Cultural Lens
- ★ Special Quest
- ★ Playing with Numbers: Disaggregation of Data
- ★ Every Minute Counts! Making the Most of the Preschool Inclusive Experience
- ★ Assessing Children in Inclusive EC Programs: DEC Recommended Practices
- ★ Developing Phonological Awareness with Play
- ★ Making a Positive Impact on a Child's Oral Health
- ★ Transition Planning Conferences: Exploring Services & Supports in Unique Ways
- ★ The Wonders of iTouch in the EC Classroom

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch/Vendors Open
 2:30 – 3:00 pm Vendors Open
 4:30 – 5:00 pm VA DEC Meeting/Vendors Open

5:30 – 7:00 pm Reception
 Rhythm Project Steel Drum Band
 Outdoor Deck, Cavalier on the Ocean

Friday, July 16th, 2010

8:00 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast/Vendors Open

8:30 – 10:00 am Breakout Session Topics

- ★ State Updates: Early Childhood and Early Intervention
- ★ Deaf But Not Delayed: Who, What, When, Why
- ★ The Power of Play and Peer Interactions

10:15 – 12:00 pm Closing Keynote Address

Michele Valeria & Ingrid Crepeau

*Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts
 Ready, Set, Imagine!*

As performing artists with the Wolf Trap Institute for almost 30 years, Ingrid Crepeau and Michele Valeri have presented their work at Early Childhood conferences around the country, including the annual NAEYC national conferences. They continue to work with teachers and children in the classroom, doing residencies on integrating puppetry, music, and song writing into the daily routine of the preschool experience.

In this keynote, Ingrid, two-time Emmy winning puppeteer, and Michele, Grammy nominated musician, will offer practical applications of their art forms for use with young children. They will relate stories of their own experiences with teachers and children with whom they have shared their art forms over the years. Ingrid and Michele are anxious to share both their techniques and their enthusiasm for using performing arts to teach young children. So... Get Ready! Get Set! Let's imagine together!

12:00 – 12:30 pm Turn in conference evaluations
 Pick up certificates of attendance

