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Deadline: March 30, 2007  
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14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
for Parents & Professionals

# Building Allies Conference

Keynote:  
Dr. Jill England

*Changing Minds....*

*Changing Lives*

Saturday, April 21, 2007  
Northwood High School  
Northwood, Ohio

*Building Allies For Children with Special Needs conferences are designed to bring parents/caregivers of children with developmental disabilities together with the professionals who serve them, to share information,*

## *Changing Minds... Changing Lives*

Is it possible to create a school community that includes all of its members? A school community that does not exclude even one person? A place where all children have a sense of belonging, a feeling of happiness, and a place where you are accepted just the way you are?

Yes! It is possible for all children, even those with the most significant of disabilities, to be included in their school community. And it is possible to make that happen in a way that actually supports the learning of all children, all together, all the time. Unfortunately, the practice of excluding children with disabilities in our schools has become so ingrained in the thinking of educators, that the exclusion and segregation of students with disabilities has become an acceptable concept. Dr. Jill England will share examples of schools where the concept of segregated programming has been challenged by the community's own members and where both practices and attitudes are changing.

### Registration Information

- **Conference fees** are: \$25 for family members, students & paraprofessionals; additional family members are only \$10; professionals are \$40.
- Registration is **due by March 30, 2007**.
- Lunch is included; please **indicate your choice of meal** on the form.
- **Make check payable to NCFC/BAC.** (NW Ohio Center for Families & Children/BAC)
- **Send registration & check to:** Family Information Network/BAC,  
One Stranahan Sq. Suite 560, Toledo OH 43604 ATTN: Joni  
Questions?

**Contact Joni at 419-242-9001; email [jonid@finnwo.org](mailto:jonid@finnwo.org)**

**The conference will be held at Northwood High School, 700 Lemoyne Rd. in Northwood, just outside Toledo, Ohio. Registration opens at 8 am, the conference will run from 8:45 - 3:15, and we will have a full day of workshops, displays & networking.**

**Certificates of Attendance will be given at the end of the conference for those seeking CEUs.**

### Conference Directions

Northwood High School is at 700 Lemoyne Road in Northwood, Ohio, 43619. From I-280, exit at Woodville Rd. Turn east onto Woodville, turn right onto Lemoyne, turn right into second building's lot.

If you need further directions, please call Joni at 419-242-9001, or use an internet mapping site.

### Session # 1 Choices

- Differentiating Instruction & Designing Classroom Accommodations: How to create flexible environments that serve a wide range of student learning needs, naturally, comfortably & effectively
- Self-Advocate Panel: It's THEIR turn to tell us what THEY think! Young adults share the good, the bad & the ugly of their experiences.
- Session to be determined

### Session # 2 Choices

- Inclusion in Primary Settings—It Really does Work!: How Northwood uses Tools for Success & teamwork to create an inclusive school community.
- Living on My Own: Explore how 6 adults with disabilities successfully brought their own vision of adult life to reality.
- Employment: Building on your child's strengths to create a dream job, partnering with businesses
- What are the possibilities? Local self-advocate/philosopher/businessman challenges attendees to see with new eyes the possibilities available in every moment!

### Session # 3 Choices:

- Making Inclusion Work: Sylvania Schools teams special & regular educators with parents in strategies for social & educational inclusion
- Transition From School: Agency staff explain services students can access to increase employment skills, as well as how to prepare while still in school.
- Adapted Recreation: Increase your knowledge of athletic, recreational & leisure activities, equipment available, and community resources for fun!

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