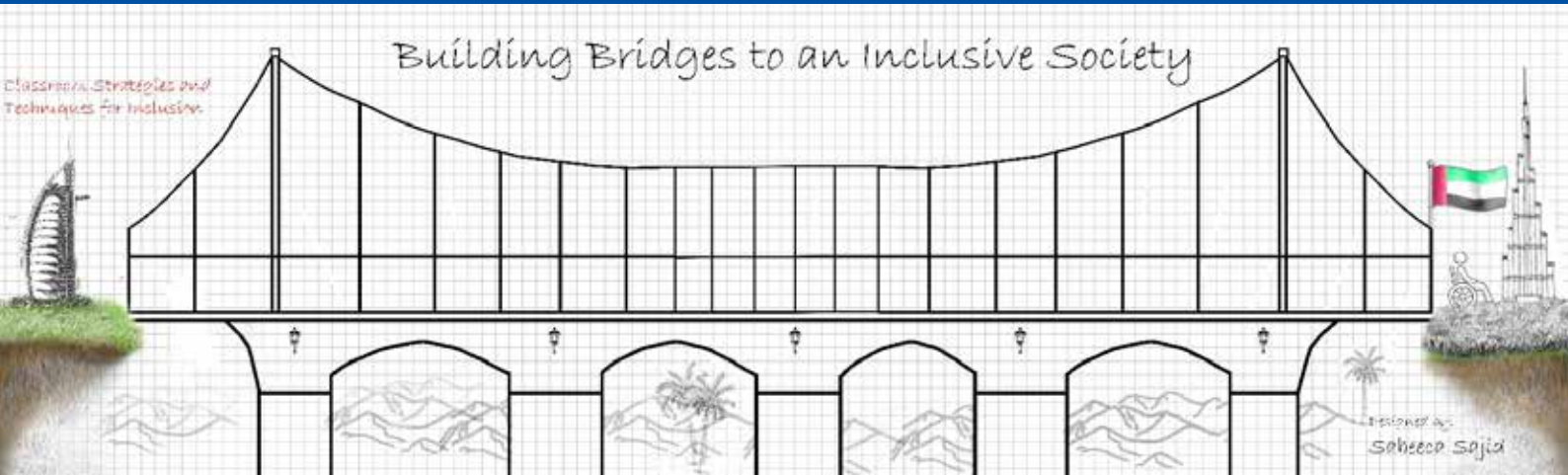




BUILDING BRIDGES TO AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY CLASSROOM STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES FOR INCLUSION

KHDA CERTIFICATE - 16 HOURS PD



Roda Al Murooj Hotel, Downtown Dubai



10th & 11th March - 2019



9:00 am - 5:00 Pm

LEARNING OUTCOME

- Take action toward Dubai's policy of "IMPLEMENTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION; A Guide for Schools"
- Use research-based approaches when moving from a traditional school to an inclusive school model
- Learn best practices in linking education assessments and instruction to lesson plans using a data-driven framework to guide and measure SEND students' progress.
- Focus on classroom strategies for children with various learning difficulties and disabilities.
- Learn how to develop and implement an effective IEP, review and revise with SEND team approach - Parents and Schools as Partners in Creating Effective IEPs
- Learn how to conduct a Functional Behavior Assessment, collect data, and make instructional decisions based on results that positively affect classroom environment
- Discover the importance and ways to identify and develop effective ALPs for GIFTED and TALENTED students
- Understand psychological reports and adapt recommendations to classroom strategies
- Differentiate lesson plans to include accommodations and modifications
- Link related service (speech, PT, OT, behavior) provider information to the IEP
- Look at ways to involve community, family, schools and community organizations in the growth. Plus MUCH MORE!

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SPEAKERS / TRAINERS



Hussain Ali Maseeh, Ph.D
Keynote Speaker

Social Programs and Services Expert, Social Cohesion Department, Community Development Authority, Dubai.

Doctorate of Clinical Psychology - Forest Institute of Professional Psychology, Springfield Missouri.

Dr. Hussain is a licensed Clinical Psychologist. He has researched identifying environmental factors that may lead to Autism and other childhood disorders. He has proficiency training in the areas of Neuropsychological Assessment and Rehabilitation, Family Therapy, Medical/Health Psychology, Pain Management, and Child Psychology. He has 12 years of experience working in a multitude of professional settings, such as general hospitals, psychiatric facilities, community mental health centers, school boards, crisis centers and college counseling centers. His professional training in the USA and work experience in UAE has provided him with a varied training background, which provided him with the special insight in multicultural issues and personal differences.



Stephanie Hamilton
Parent Ambassador

I am ME (most extraordinary), Dubai.

The Mindful POD, a Support Group for Parents of Determination, Dubai.

Mother to 3 girls, Stephanie Hamilton has been an active parent advocate in the community, championing inclusion in the UAE for the past 7 years. Last year, she was the parent voice for the launch of the KHDA Inclusion policy, and was named one of the country's top influencers in education. Stephanie recently participated as a mentor in Dubai Health Authority's "Health Hackathon", to help promote solutions for People of Determination. She is the creator of I am ME (most extraordinary), a photography project aimed to educate, advocate, and mainstream beauty in difference, and The Mindful POD, a support group for parents of determination. Stephanie's 13 year old daughter Ruby has Down Syndrome, and is the catalyst and inspiration behind her mother's quest for true inclusion.



Mark Francis, Ed.S
Keynote Speaker

President for The Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES).

CEO & Owner, Francis-Young International, Consultants in School Improvement, USA.

Education Specialist of Education Administration, Social Work and Education Administration, Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan.

Mr. Francis has served as the Director of Special Education for a large Detroit urban school district in the USA serving thousands of students and teachers. He believes that all students can learn and that systems need to be established that are "student-centered" and not "adult-centered". He also supports the United Nations treaty (CRPD) that supports inclusive education for all students around the world. He has worked with the Bureau of Indian Education, USA; the governments of Tobago and Jamaica; agencies in Kuwait and universities in South Africa, the United States and Ireland. He has been a Key Note or Featured Speaker in countries such as Poland, Jamaica and South Africa. Plus he has presented in Portugal, Bulgaria and across the United States. Mr. Francis also developed the first English speaking conference for Children with Disabilities in Havana Cuba.



Vicky Spencer Ph.D, BCBA-D

Associate Professor and Coordinator of Graduate Programs in Applied Behavior Analysis, Shenandoah University, USA. Owner Beyond Diagnosis, International Special Education Practice, USA.

Doctorate in Special Education and minor in literacy, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. Certified Educational Diagnostician and Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D)

Dr. Spencer has over 25 years of experience in the US as a classroom teacher, university professor, disability specialist, teacher trainer, and parent consultant. She also worked with the Virginia Department of Education in the Training and Technical Assistance Center as a specialist in autism and literacy. Areas of research include cognitive learning strategies, inclusive practices, transition, and behavior management for students with mild to moderate disabilities. Dr. Spencer developed a strong interest in international education and has traveled extensively for the past fifteen years serving as both an educator and a humanitarian in US and Saudi Arabia.

SPEAKERS / TRAINERS



Hala El Howeris, Ph. D

Chair of Special Education Department, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain.

Doctorate of Educational Psychology Special Education, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dr. Elhoweris' researched area of interest includes multicultural education, inclusion, assessing and diagnosing students with special needs and gifted and talented. She has published a book as a co-editor entitled "Schooling and Social Conflicts". Dr. Elhoweris has strong background in special education and multicultural education.



Marcheta G. Hightower, M. Ed.

Co-Founder & Director, Sunshine Learning Difficulties Center, Dubai

Masters of Special Education - William Carey University, Hattiesburg Mississippi. Ms. Hightower is licensed with Community Development Authority (CDA) as a Social Care Professional in special education She also has developed professional educator courses for inclusion licensed under KHDA. She is a delegate of the Division of International Special Education Services (DISES). She is a former "Commissioner of Mental Health" services for the state of Nevada, USA. Ms. Hightower was awarded the "Troops to Teachers" Teacher of the Year Award for her outstanding contribution to special education programs.



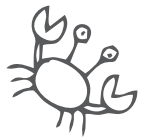
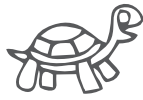
Alice Farling, Ed. D

Executive Director of the Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES).

Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Farling is an international consultant, educator, and trainer. She was an invited speaker at the first "Global Special Education Summit" in Washington, DC. She has lead workshops internationally related to inclusive education as well as personal and professional leadership. She has and consulted with ministries of Education in Kuwait, Thailand, England, Bosnia, Palestine, Cyprus, and Tobago. Dr. Farling is the past president of the board of the Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES) which is a division of the Council for Exceptional Children(CEC). She hosted a monthly public television show. The show, "Solving the Puzzle Together," was developed to share important information with parents and the community about the supports and services provided to students by the school system and to encourage dialogue and discussion of educational issues.





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