Closing the Gap

Date: April 27, 2016
Location: John A. Logan College
Carterville, IL

Keynote Speaker – D. Matt Buckman, Ph. D.

Unlocking the Door to Learning for Traumatized Students
Let’s unpack the concept of trauma-informed schools and trauma informed practices and provide school based strategies that can mitigate the short- and long-term effects of chronic exposure to toxic stress. Using a whole child approach, Dr. Buckman will offer strategies and information to educators whose work serves populations of students who are exposed to varying levels of childhood trauma. Participants will learn about the neurological impact of trauma as well as schoolwide and classroom strategies that can be used to implement trauma-informed practices.

Dr. Buckman is the Clinical Director of the Child & Adolescent Division at Egyptian Public & Mental Health Department. He supervises and provides direct services to children, teens, families, and young adults to help improve a variety of emotional and behavioral health issues. He is also the director of the Child-Adolescent Stress & Trauma Treatment (CASTT) Program and chair of the Trauma Treatment Advisory Board within Egyptian Health Department.

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Closing the Gap Breakout Sessions

Strategies and techniques for all educators from Pre-K through college will be presented. Elementary, high school, college, and university faculty and future teachers will have an opportunity to attend the workshop and breakout sessions targeted to meet their needs. This is the 15th year of the annual Closing the Gap Conference with over 400 area educators participating each year. Evaluations indicate that participants gain valuable knowledge and skills by attending this conference - Don’t miss out! (5 CPDUs)

Establishing a Culture for Learning

“Framework for Teaching Domain 2: Classroom Environment”

10:10 am - 2:40 pm

This full day session is specifically designed for early career teachers and pre-service teachers entering the teaching profession. It is aligned to the Danielson’s framework and will focus on classroom management skills. Keynote presentation and lunch are included in the registration fee. Must be pre-registered. Limited to 60 participants. 5 CPDUs will be issued.

7:30 - 8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00  Keynote Presentation - D. Matt Buckman, Ph.D.

**Each participant will attend either the Breakout Sessions or Establishing a Culture for Learning Workshop**

10:10 - 11:10  Breakout Sessions - Conducted by area educators/advisors
11:20 - 12:20  Breakout Sessions - Conducted by area educators/advisors
12:20 - 1:30  Lunch Provided - Network with other participants, browse the tables
1:40 - 2:40  Breakout Sessions - Conducted by area educators/advisors

Closing the Gap: Practical Strategies for All Educators

to be held at John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL