

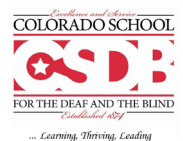
Western Regional Early Intervention Conference

Aim High: Elevating Our Early Intervention Practices

September 11-13, 2019

Omni Interlocken Hotel
500 Interlocken Blvd, Broomfield, CO 80021

www.wreic.org



Welcome to the Western Regional Early Intervention Conference 2019!

We are delighted that you are joining us for this exciting conference in Colorado. Every two years those of us in the field of early intervention value this opportunity to come together to learn and grow, network with colleagues, explore new ideas, and gain a fresh perspective on the work we do every day.

The conference website (www.WREIC.org) is full of information that will enhance your conference experience, including downloads of session materials, last-minute updates and room locations.

Soak up the information in the sessions, check out our great exhibitors, and join your colleagues for the social hour on Thursday and the lively roundtable discussions. When not in a session or networking, walk or jog the trails near the hotel, grab a Colorado craft brew at the hotel tavern, check out the activities the hotel offers, go shopping on Pearl Street in Boulder, or head to the mountains!

If you are interested in earning graduate credit for attending WREIC 2019, be sure to review the instructions in this document.

May you leave this conference refreshed, invigorated, and inspired to pursue new heights in your work with children and families!

Your Host Committee

Dinah Beams, Chairperson

Tanni Anthony, Colorado Department of Education

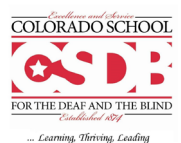
Heather Cameron, Anchor Center for Blind Children

Gina Herrera, Colorado Department of Education

Sara Kennedy, Colorado Hands & Voice

Annette Landes, Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

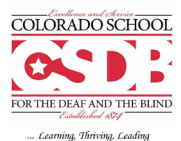
Steven Lindauer, A Shared Vision: Partners in Pediatric Blindness and Visual Impairment



WREIC Experience

Here's a check list of things to consider to ensure a fabulous experience at WREIC 2019.

- We're a mile high with bright sun! Stay hydrated and don't forget your chapstick, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Temperatures can vary significantly during the day, both indoors and out. The hotel air conditioning may be too cool for some. Bring layers.
- We encourage an environmentally-friendly approach that reduces waste. **Bring a bag or tote** to carry your essentials during the conference and bring a **refillable water bottle**.
- Download presentation materials** for your use during the conference. These will be available soon. Please note, we will not provide printed materials.
- Check out **Things to Do** on the website (Click [HERE](#)) for activities in the Denver-Boulder area. There's so much to explore!
- Be sure to check the weather report. Consider **rain gear** if you intend to hit the mountain trails.
- If you plan on going even higher into the mountains (above 8,000'), review these helpful suggestions from Aspen Snowmass. "How to Prepare for High Altitude Travel." (Click [HERE](#))



Opportunity for Graduate Credit

Learn about the opportunity for graduate credit - one semester hour through the University of Northern Colorado.

For professionals attending the full conference, there is an opportunity to earn one graduate semester hour from the University of Northern Colorado. The Course Proposal (click [HERE](#)) details information about the course schedule, including the presenters and conference sessions, as well as the requirements for university credit.

For attendees who are interested in registering for university credit, **download the EDSE 513-609 Fall 2019 - UNC Registration Form in advance of WREIC** (click [HERE](#)). Complete the form in its entirety and turn into the registration staff at the beginning of the conference.

Your conference registration form will be held in a confidential manner. Dr. Tanni Anthony will submit the registration forms to UNC at the conclusion of the conference. Once this information is submitted to UNC, there is no opportunity to withdraw from the course.

Each registrant will receive information about the billing for the course, which will be \$65, directly from UNC. No personnel at the WREIC can take payment for the university tuition fee.

Expectations for successful course completion include two broad requirements: (1) attending the full conference and (2) submitting an application paper. The course is graded as a pass (Satisfactory) or a fail (Unsatisfactory).

For questions about this opportunity to earn a graduate semester hour, please contact Tanni at anthony_t@cde.state.co.us.

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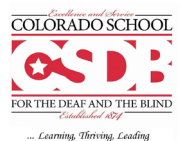


WREIC 2019 Speakers

Presentation materials for most of the sessions will be posted on the website (www.WREIC.org) before the conference starts. Some materials are already available!

Be sure to download files for your use during the conference sessions as handouts will not be provided. Wi-Fi will NOT be available in the meeting rooms.

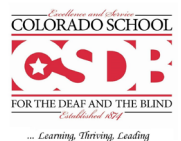
- Corinna Bauer, Ph.D.
- Dinah Beams, M.A.
- Allison Biever, AUD
- Dan Brown, M.A.
- Deborah Chen, Ph.D.
- Joanne B. Corwin, MSE
- Jennifer L. Cranston, M.Ed.
- Allison Cunningham, Au.D.
- Denise Davis-Pedrie, M.A.
- Sophia Diaz, M.A.
- Paul Griego, M.Div.
- Sara Kennedy
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- Linda Lawrence, M.D.
- Loreta Martinez-Cargo, M.A.
- Deborah Mood, Ph.D.
- Megan Mogan, M.S., CCC-SLP
- Jessica Mount Matney, M.S., CCC-SLP
- Bettie Petersen, M.Ed.
- Aaron Rose, M.S.D.E.
- Barbara Schrag, M.Ed.
- Philip Schweigert, M.Ed.
- Catherine Smyth, TSVI, Ph.D.
- Nanette Thompson, CCC-SLP, LSLS
- Amy Trollop, M.A.
- Emily Wilding, M.A.



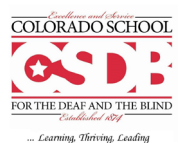
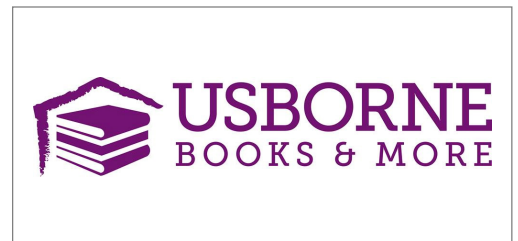
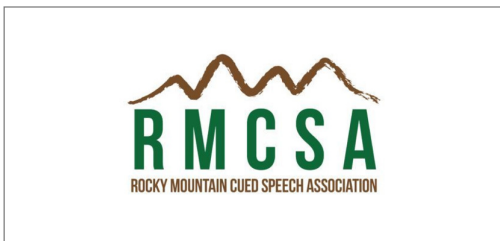
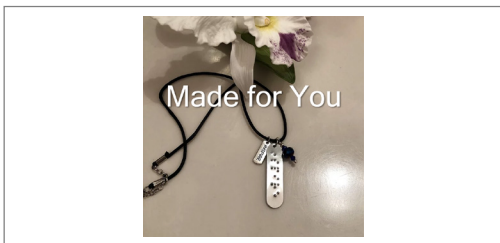
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- SKI-HI Institute
- University of New Mexico - New Mexico Deafblind Project
- Utah Deaf-Blind Project
- Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind
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- Wyoming Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program



WREIC 2019 Exhibitors



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Check In/Out:

Check In: 3pm
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Reusable Water Bottle Filling Station:

Please take advantage of our reusable water bottle filling station. The station is located on the lobby level, outside of Morsel's Café, near the restrooms.

ATM Locations:

The ATM is located on the lobby level, across from the Meritage restaurant, in one of the private cubbies.

Please note that Thursday night's reception will have a Cash Bar.

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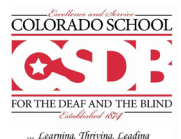
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To join Select Guest now, please visit the following website:

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Meeting Room Location:

The conference will begin in the Interlocken Ballroom on Wednesday, September 11th, located on the lobby level.



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Enjoy Meals and Refreshments in Our Outlets

Meritage Restaurant

Monday - Friday Breakfast: 6:30am-11am
Monday - Friday Lunch: 11am-2pm
Monday - Friday Dinner: 5pm-10pm
Saturday Breakfast: 6:30am - 11am
Saturday Dinner: 5pm - 10pm
Sunday Breakfast: 6:30am - 11am
Sunday Brunch: 9am - 1pm

Tap Room

Monday - Friday: 2pm-1am
Saturday: 11am-1am
Sunday: 11am-Midnight

Fairways

Daily: 7am-8:30pm
Terrace Grill Open Daily: 11am-3pm

Morsel's

Daily: 6am-9pm

Restaurants Nearby:

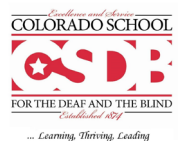
Buca di Beppo Italian - 0.8 miles
Village Tavern - 1.1 miles
Flatiron Crossing Mall - 1.2 miles
Gordon Biersch Brewery - 1.4 miles
Masa Cocina Mexicana - 3.4 miles

Shuttle Service:

Complimentary shuttle service for guest transportation to the golf club and to local dining. To contact the shuttle, dial "0" from any house phone or simply ask a member of our staff at the front desk/lobby.

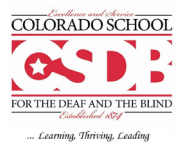
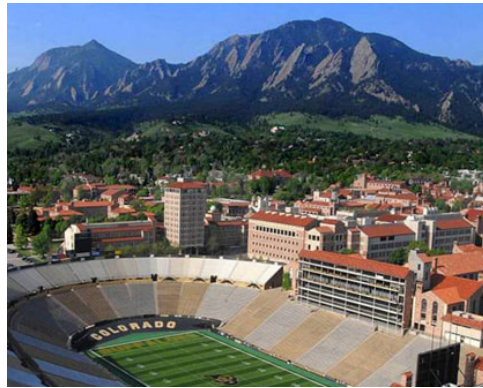
Service Animal Relief Areas:

We do have a Pet Waste Station with baggies located outside of the main lobby entrance (North West of parking lot).



Nearby Diversions

When it's time to experience something new or just relax, choose from one the many diversions available. Or, discover something new! Check out "[Things to Do](#)" on the website.



WREIC 2019 Room Assignments (Updated Sep 5)

Pre-Conference, Wednesday, September 11

Blind/VI Strand: Interlocken Ballroom B
Deaf/HH Stand: Interlocken Ballroom A

General Sessions, Thursday, September 12

Opening Keynote: Interlocken Ballrooms A/B

Breakouts: 10:30am - 12pm

- Blind/VI Strand: Interlocken Ballroom A
- Deafblind Strand: Interlocken Ballroom B
- Deaf/HH Strand 1: Fir (Garden Level)
- Deaf/HH Stand 2: Spruce (Garden Level)

Breakouts: 1pm - 2:30pm

- Blind/VI Strand: Interlocken Ballroom A
- Deafblind Strand: Interlocken Ballroom B
- Deaf/HH Strand 1: Interlocken Ballroom C/D
- Deaf/HH Stand 2: Spruce (Garden Level)

Breakouts: 3pm - 4:30pm

- Blind/VI Strand: Interlocken Ballroom A
- Deafblind Strand: Interlocken Ballroom B
- Deaf/HH Strand 1: Interlocken Ballroom C/D
- Deaf/HH Stand 2: Spruce (Garden Level)



WREIC 2019 Room Assignments (Updated Sep 5)

General Sessions, Friday, September 13

Breakouts: 8:30am - 10:00am

- Blind/VI Strand: Interlocken Ballroom A
- Deafblind Strand: Interlocken Ballroom B
- Deaf/HH Strand 1: Spruce (Garden Level)
- Deaf/HH Strand 2: Interlocken Ballroom C/D

Breakouts: 10:15am - 11:45am

- Blind/VI Strand: Interlocken Ballroom A
- Deafblind Strand: Interlocken Ballroom B
- Deaf/HH Strand 1: Interlocken Ballroom C/D
- Deaf/HH Strand 2: Spruce (Garden Level)

WREIC Closing Panel: Interlocken Ballrooms A/B



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Pre-Conference Agenda

Speaker bios and session abstracts are available on www.WREIC.org

Wednesday, September 11

8:00am-8:45am: Registration

8:45am-10:15am

Blind/VI Strand Fundamentals in Vision and Brain Development for Cerebral/Cortical Vision Impairment (CVI): Vision and the Brain (C.Bauer)	Deaf/HH Strand Mindfulness: Being Fully Present in the Moment - The Science and Practice (D.Brown, A.Trollop)
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10:15am-10:30am: Break

10:30am-12:00pm

Blind/VI Strand Fundamentals in Vision and Brain Development for Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI): Neuroplasticity and Relation to Sensory Impairment (C.Bauer)	Deaf/HH Strand Mindfulness: Being Fully Present in the Moment - The Science and Practice (cont.) (D.Brown, A.Trollop)
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12:00pm-1:30pm: Lunch on Your Own (see www.WREIC.org for restaurant suggestions)

1:30pm-3:00pm

Blind/VI Strand Fundamentals in Vision and Brain Development for Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI): Tests of Functional Vision in CVI: Evidence Based Approaches (C.Bauer)	Deaf/HH Strand Applying Mindfulness Practices into Early Intervention (D.Brown, B.Schrag)
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3:00pm-3:15pm: Break with Snack

3:15pm-4:45pm

Blind/VI Strand Fundamentals in Vision and Brain Development for Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI): Relationship Between Functional Vision and Brain Function in CVI (C.Bauer)	Deaf/HH Strand Applying Mindfulness Practices into Early Intervention (cont.) (D.Brown, B.Schrag)
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6:30pm-8:30pm:

Open House, Anchor Center for Blind Children. 2550 Roslyn St., Denver, CO



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Thursday, September 12

7:30am-8:30am: Breakfast and Registration

8:30am-9:45am

Welcoming Remarks (8:30am-8:45am)

Colorado Host Committee and Esteemed Guests

Opening Keynote (8:45am-9:45am)

Paul Griego, M.Div., Children's Hospital Colorado

9:45am-10:30am: Break

10:30am-12:00pm

Blind/VI Strand B6OMSI: A New and Available O&M Evaluation Tool for Birth-6 (S.Diaz, L.Martinez-Cargo)	Deafblind Strand It's More than a Touch: Early Tactile Development in Infants and Toddlers (C.Smyth)	Deaf/HH Strand 1 Early Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder in Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Identification (D.Mood)	Deaf/HH Strand 2 Building Blocks for Family-Centered Early Intervention (D.Beams)
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12:00pm-1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-2:30pm

Blind/VI Strand Pediatric Ophthalmology Updates: Earlier Detection, Earlier Referrals, New Technologies and Strategies (L.Lawrence)	Deafblind Strand Communications in Action (P.Schweigert, J.Mount Matney)	Deaf/HH Strand 1 Early Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder in Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Strategies (D.Mood)	Deaf/HH Strand 2 The Safety Connection: More to Success Than Just Language and Learning (D.Davis-Pedrie, S.Kennedy)
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2:30pm-3:00pm: Break with Snack

3:00pm-4:30pm

Blind/VI Strand Ocular and Cerebral Visual Impairment in Children with Neuro-Developmental Disorders (L.Lawrence)	Deafblind Strand Tangible Symbols, Tangible Outcomes (P.Schweigert)	Deaf/HH Strand 1 Visual Attention Skills and Sign Language Acquisition: What We Can Learn from Deaf Parents (B.Peterson, E.Wilding)	Deaf/HH Strand 2 Trauma Informed Care: A Strengths Based Approach to Foster Resiliency (A.Cunningham)
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5:00pm-6:00pm

Social Hour and Round Table Discussions

Omni Interlocken Hotel, sponsored by Anchor Center for Blind Children.

Join your fellow conference participants for an evening of networking, connecting and learning. Find your favorite beverage, indulge in delicious appetizers and check out the exhibits.

Roundtable Discussions

Join one of the Roundtable Discussions on a “hot topic” in the field. Each discussion will be led by a professional with knowledge specific to that topic.

- **Babies Count!** (DeEtte Snyder & Patty Beecher)
- **LEAD K** (Rachel Benedict)
- **A New Definition of CVI** (Dr. Linda Lawrence)
- **Parent to Parent Connections** (Sara Kennedy)
- **Serving Spanish-Speaking Families** (Robin Getz & Sheryl Schaller)
- **Supporting Families Who Say No to Early Intervention Services for Their Infants and Toddlers who are DHH** (Ardith Ferguson)



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Friday, September 13

7:30am-8:30am: Breakfast

8:30am-10:00am

<p>Blind/VI Strand Intervention Strategies for Infants & Toddlers with Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairments (CVI) and their Families (part 1) (D.Chen)</p>	<p>Deafblind Strand Tactile Strategies for Early Communicators: Practical Ideas for Interactive Daily Routines (M.Mogan)</p>	<p>Deaf/HH Strand 1 Effectively Using Tele-Intervention to Support Families (N.Thompson)</p>	<p>Deaf/HH Strand 2 Language Development Scales: What's New & Improved (P.Pittman)</p>
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10:00am-10:15am: Break

10:15am-11:45am

<p>Blind/VI Strand Intervention Strategies for Infants & Toddlers with Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) and their Families (part 2) (D.Chen)</p>	<p>Deafblind Strand Tactile Strategies for Early Communicators: Practical ideas of Interactive Daily Routines (M.Mogan)</p>	<p>Deaf/HH Strand 1 Listening to Learn (L2L) Coaching Model (N.Thompson)</p>	<p>Deaf/HH Strand 2 Supporting Visual Access to Spoken Language: Cued Speech for Language and Literacy Development (J.Cranston, A.Rose)</p>
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11:45am-1:30pm

WREIC Closing Panel

Hiking Gear for Climbing New Peaks in EI

(Joanne Corwin, MSE, and BoMee Rittenhouse (daughter), Paula Landry, M.A. TVI, and Maddie Stallman (daughter), and Sara Kennedy)

Lunch

Closing Remarks

