

FIRE Foundation is pleased to announce
an education conference entitled...



Inclusion in Catholic and Parochial Schools: Welcoming and Supporting Students with Special Needs

**Register
Today!**

February 22-24, 2017 • Kansas City, MO



Administrators, teachers, and parents...

**Do you have an interest in
building and strengthening
inclusive education practices at
your Catholic or Parochial school?**

**Are you wondering how to
create and support a culture
of inclusion at your school?**

If so, this conference is for you!

Join us...

**Westin Crown Center
in Kansas City, MO on
February 22–24, 2017**

**Register at www.SDE.com/firefoundation
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Join Us

Throughout this three day conference, you can select from multiple breakout sessions presented by local, regional, and national experts. Sessions are designed to empower attendees to:

- ▶ Build and strengthen a culture of inclusion in school communities
- ▶ Build relationships with other inclusion advocates
- ▶ Understand and promote the benefits of including students with disabilities in Catholic and Parochial schools
- ▶ Learn strategies for implementing and supporting inclusion practices



Schedule Overview

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

- Welcome Reception, 6-9pm

Thursday, February 23, 2017

- Conference Day, 8am-5pm
Includes breakfast, keynote, lunch, and breakout sessions
- A Taste and Tour of Kansas City's finest food and beverage, 6-9pm

Friday, February 24, 2017

- Conference Day, 8am-Noon
Includes breakfast, keynote, and breakout sessions

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Location

**The Westin Kansas City
At Crown Center**

1 East Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO, 64108

Hotel reservations:

- 866-716-8108
- www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/FIREFoundationConferenceFebruary

Tuition

3 days: \$300/educator; \$200/parent
Includes access to all presentations and keynotes, meals during the conference including welcome reception, breakfasts, lunch, and an off property dinner.

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Featured Topics

The conference will offer a broad selection of engaging sessions to help create and strengthen inclusive education practices in Catholic and Parochial schools.

Featured topics will include:

- Roadmap to Inclusion
- Engaging and Motivating Learners
- Autism Spectrum Disorder and Classroom Behavior Management
- How Nutrition Impacts All Areas of Development for Students with Special Needs
- Behavior Strategies
- Executive Function Skills
- Creating Individual Goals and Education Plans for Learners with Special Needs: Putting All the Pieces Together
- Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities
- Effective Co-teaching Structure and Strategies: Working with a Paraeducator
- FIRE Foundation: A Successful Model for Supporting Inclusion
- Dollars and Sense of Inclusion
- Overcoming Objections to Introducing Inclusive Ed
- Peer Mentoring
- How Inclusion Works in Private School
- Anxiety in Children
- Building the Capacity of Parochial and Faith-Based Schools to Serve the Needs of Students with Disabilities
- Who is Sitting in Our Classrooms? Showing Breakdown of the Kids in Each Classroom
- Making Connections: Fostering Friendships for Children of All Abilities
- Technology and Application in the School to Create Success

"An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools. An inclusive education finds a place for all and does not select in an elitist way the beneficiaries of its efforts."

– Pope Francis

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Featured Speakers

Your team of engaging presenters includes these renowned education experts:



Michael J. Boyle, PhD • Keynote Speaker

Michael J. Boyle is the Assistant Director of the Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Boyle has worked in education in a variety of settings and roles. As a school psychologist at both the high school and elementary levels, he worked with students across a broad range of areas of exceptionality. He has also served as a special education administrator in several public school districts. Additionally, Dr. Boyle also served as principal in a large Catholic elementary school. Dr. Boyle was recently named the 2014 recipient of the C. Albert Koob Merit Award from the National Catholic Education Association for significant contributions to Catholic education.

Dr. Boyle has provided professional development programs to a number of Catholic schools and across the country in the areas of multi-tiered systems of support differentiation, school-based problem solving teams, and leadership development. Within the School of Education, Dr. Boyle teaches courses in multi-tiered systems of support, mission-driven leadership and ethics.



Torrie Dunlap, CPLP • Keynote Speaker

In 1998, Torrie Dunlap found her life's purpose when she taught a theater class for children that included a boy with Down syndrome. It was Kids Included Together that helped her create a successful theater experience for this student, and in the process changed her worldview. She became a KIT volunteer, then a board member, and in 2003 joined the staff as a part-time Program Coordinator. She later served as the Executive Director of KIT's National Training Center on Inclusion, and in 2012 became KIT's Chief Executive Officer.

Torrie has delivered keynotes and trainings on inclusion around the United States and in Europe, and she has been published in textbooks, professional journals, trade magazines, and in digital media. She is a regular contributor to the advocacy website "Think Inclusive," the SWIFT schools blog "SWIFTtalk," and was a frequent guest host on the podcast "The Inclusive Class." Torrie is a Certified Professional in Learning and Performance, and in 2013 was selected as a Social Innovation Fellow at Stanford's Graduate School of Business. In October 2014, she delivered her first TEDx talk. Follow her on Twitter (@torriedunlap) and visit her blog "The Chief Inclusionista" at www.torriedunlap.org.



Christine Bonfiglio, PhD • Keynote Speaker

Dr. Christine Bonfiglio is the Director, Program for Inclusive Education, Director of the Office of Professional Standards and a faculty member with the ACE Teaching Fellows program at the University of Notre Dame. She taught in the ACE Teaching Exceptional Children program for three years and has also served as the Department Chair and Director of Special Education for the Teacher Education Department at Goshen College. Prior to her work in higher education, Bonfiglio worked in the public schools as a school psychologist, evaluating students, collaborating with teachers regarding academic and behavioral needs, and facilitating the child study team. She received her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Western Michigan University, specializing in Applied Behavior Analysis and academic interventions.

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