

## Hotel Information

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*Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration*

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# 13th Annual **Family Conference**

**Resources and Inspiration for Adult Family Members  
and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities**

*Featuring*  
**Kathy Morris**

*“Help, What Do  
I Do With This  
Child Now That  
We Have a  
Diagnosis?”*



**Saturday, April 6th, 2019**

Spalding Pastoral Center  
419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, Illinois

Registration 8:30-9:00am  
Conference 9:00am-3:00pm

## PROGRAM INFORMATION AND PRESENTER BIO

Kathy Morris will present, "Help! What Do I Do With This Child Now That We Have a Diagnosis." This seminar is designed for families of children/adolescents birth-21 years old. An overview of developmental disabilities, including Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Cognitive Delays, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and other disabilities will be highlighted. Strategies to support the manifestations of the disabilities will be presented. In addition, an overview of the grief process parents experience will be presented to aid in understanding and to support parents during the early years and beyond the diagnosis.

**Kathy Kaluza Morris** has been an educator for 45 years specializing in autism and behavior disorders as well as moderate to severe cognitive disabilities. As a speech therapist for students with severe disabilities and as a teacher of students with behavior disorders, including autism and emotional disturbances, she was mentored and supported by many national/international experts from whom she gathered many practical experiences and suggestions which she implemented. Her favorite classroom was a self-contained classroom for students with severe physical disabilities, including cerebral palsy. There she was attracted to technology and assistive devices to help support communication and independence. As a resource teacher and regular education teacher, she was concerned with the lack of including students with disabilities and she was an advocate for more inclusive strategies. She was also a diagnostician and a supervisor that started two of the first LIFE Skills programs in Texas. In Texas there are 20 education service centers which support school districts in their areas. Kathy was the autism, behavior, and assistive technology consultant for 42 districts, providing seminars and technical assistance across all grade levels. She left the service center to continue her doctoral program in educational psychology and started her own business, igivuWings, providing seminars and technical assistance nationally as well as internationally for the last 20 years. Kathy and husband, Guy, "walk the walk and talk the talk" after the birth of their twin sons 32 years ago with autism and cerebral palsy. It has given them perspective of life as parents of children with disabilities as well as of educators.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The Conference is for adult family members & caregivers of children (birth-22) who have developmental delays or disabilities. Service providers & educators are also welcome.

## CONFERENCE COLLABORATORS

Early CHOICES • Family Matters Parent Training Information Center • Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome Association, Inc. • Project Reach: Illinois Deaf Blind Services • STAR NET Region I & III • The Arc of Illinois • Parents of individuals with disabilities • Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

This workshop has been approved for **5.0 contact hours** for:

- Educator License Renewal
- CDA (Child Development Associate) credit in area #3
- CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT, and OT professionals
- Gateways to Opportunity credit in area B
- El **partial credit of 1.5 hours** (.5 Atypical Development, .5 Intervention, .5 Families)

## REGISTRATION

There is a **\$15 per person (nonrefundable) registration fee for family members** and a **\$25 (non-refundable) registration fee for professionals**. Breakfast and lunch are included. **Checks should be payable to "Family Matters," but mailed with the registration form to STAR NET Regions I & III (address on form) by March 23, 2019.** Registration is limited. **CHILDREN CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE CONFERENCE.**

Information or financial assistance: Deb Einhorn, Family Matters, 866-436-7842 x116, [deinhorn@fmpctic.org](mailto:deinhorn@fmpctic.org) or Mary Smith, STAR NET Regions I & III, [mk-smith@wiu.edu](mailto:mk-smith@wiu.edu)

# Registration Form

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### April 6, 2019 ★ Peoria, Illinois

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Checks should be **payable to "Family Matters," but mailed with this registration form to STAR NET Regions I & III (address below) by March 23rd, 2019.**

You will receive confirmation or a waiting list notice three weeks prior to conference.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Send confirmation to my...  home  business address below...

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District/Agency (prof. only) \_\_\_\_\_

I live in \_\_\_\_\_ county. I work in (prof. only) \_\_\_\_\_ county.

### Program Affiliation (prof. only):

- Early Intervention
- ECSE
- Preschool for All (PFA)
- Blended ECSE/PFA
- Head Start
- K-3
- State Prevention Initiative
- Child Care
- Community Pre-School
- Preschool Dev./Expan. Grant
- State Prevention Initiative
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Position (check one):

- Administrator
- Developmental Specialist (EI)
- Family Member [age of child(ren) \_\_\_\_]
- Family Educator
- Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- OT/PT
- Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (EI)
- SLP
- Social Worker
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodation (eg: interpreter, wheelchair accessible, special diet, etc.).

Please specify **by March 8, 2019**, the nature of special accommodation needed:

I give permission for the Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration to use photos/videos that may include me to promote future trainings: \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

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