



Perkins Training Center NSCSD & NSEA

Increasing Literacy Levels through Assessment: *FVLMA & NIMAS/NIMAC*

May 20-21, 2010

North Syracuse Central School District, North Syracuse Education Association, American Printing House for the Blind and Perkins Training Center present a two day literacy workshop on assessment for students with visual impairments in the educational environment. This workshop will present an in-depth review of the Functional Vision Learning Media Assessment for children who are pre-academic or academic and visually impaired in grades K-12.

This workshop is a professional development activity supported by a grant received by Perkins School for the Blind from the Starr Foundation to provide in-service training for educators working with students with visual impairment at NO COST to schools and programs in New York State.

Presenters: **LaRhea Sanford, Ed. D.**
American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY
Erin Meehan Fairben, Superintendent
New York State School for the Blind, Batavia, NY

When: **Thursday, May 20, 2010**
8:30-9:00 – Registration
9:00-3:30 – Functional Vision and Learning Media Assessment (FVLMA)
Friday, May 21, 2010
8:30-9:00 – Registration
9:00-3:30 – Functional Vision and Learning Media Assessment (Continued)
AIM for Access: NIMAS & NIMAC

Lunch will be provided both days

Where: **NSEA Office**
210 South Main Street
N. Syracuse, NY 13212

Audience: Teachers of the Visually Impaired

Outcomes - After completing this workshop, participants will:

- Increase knowledge of assessment and instructional strategies to promote student literacy
- Increase knowledge of the essential components of learning media assessment, functional vision assessment, and assessment of assistive technology in optimizing literacy for students with VI
- Be familiar with specific federal and state legislation supporting literacy through the provision of accessible instructional materials (AIM) for students with print disabilities and the roles and process to provide both instructional and technical support for AIM for all students.

Please return registration by May 3, 2010 to:

Theresa Brousseau, email: tbrousse@nscsd.org or fax: (617) 972-7209

**Hotel Accommodations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express, Syracuse Airport,
(315) 454-0999, www.hiexpress.com.**

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REGISTRATION

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Return by May 3, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street:

City:

State:

Zip: _____

Primary Phone: (h)(w)(c) _____

Email: _____

Position: _____

Please indicate accommodations required:

Braille: _____

Large Print: _____

Interpreter: _____

Special Diet: _____

How did you hear about this workshop? _____

Return registration form by Monday, May 3, 2010 to:

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***Please note we do not accept registrations over the phone.**

Questions about the workshop:

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