

THURSDAY

8:00 **REGISTRATION** and light breakfast

9:00 We are pleased to offer 2 full day sessions at the preconference

1. **Social Thinking** is not the Same as Social Skills:

Jennifer Elgie is from Nanaimo, BC, where she has worked as a TVI for 34 years.

Jennifer has been instrumental in blending her knowledge of teaching visually impaired with her expertise in the support and education of children on the ASD spectrum.

2. **SETBC:**

Presented by SETBC and SETBC district partners

SETBC shares their expertise in equipment and programs that support students with visual impairments - this energetic group will walk us through seven stations of specialized technology

3:30 Enjoy the wonders of Richmond and visit with friends and colleagues

FRIDAY MORNING

8:00 **REGISTRATION** and light breakfast

VENDORS and Displays will be available all day in the main foyer

9:00 Welcome and opening remarks

9:15 **KEYNOTE:** Kevin E. O'Connor

Kevin E. O'Connor, CSP is a physician educator and healthcare consultant, author and certified presenter. He is also the father of a 25 year old son who is visually impaired. O'Connor teaches graduate and undergraduate students at Chicago's Loyola University and at Columbia College, Chicago's performing arts school.

10:15 **REFRESHMENT BREAK:** please visit our vendors and displays, don't forget to enter the free draws!

11:45 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

F1 UEB – Moving Ahead

Join Betty Noble and Chris Marshall, Manager as they share the latest developments of the Unified English Braille Code.

F2 Opening Doors to Adventure

Don't just sit there! Be active, come and hear about the wonderful programs and recreational opportunities available right here in BC!

F3 All Things iPad

Dr. Mamer, a vision teacher and consultant with POPDB, will discuss iTechnology and apps that have been used successfully with individuals with deafblindness, visual impairments and additional disabilities.

11:45 **LUNCH:** provided on site – Sponsored by Humanware

BCVTA Biennial General Meeting – all welcome. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively meeting and learn what BCVTA can do for you.

VENDORS and Displays: main foyer

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 **KEYNOTE:** Barbara Miles "What we can all learn from people with deafblindness"

Barbara Miles is a communication specialist/consultant and teacher, experienced with all ages and levels of persons who are deaf-blind. She has been working in the field of Deafblind education since 1972.

2:15 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

2:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

F4 Preschool Intervention Strategies

Dr. Tanni Anthony: Join our keynote speaker for a practical look at preschool intervention strategies.

F5 iPad Access and Beyond

Dave Rathwell, Kolby and Jess (students), Marilyn Rushton, Jennifer Jesso

This lively panel will share navigational tips for your iPad and strategies to help support your students' access.

F6 LaTeX – Accessible Math

Anthony Janolino will introduce LaTeX as an accessible math tool and focus on how it can be used to make even university math accessible for the visually impaired student.

3:30 **POSTER SESSIONS** Presenters have traveled great distances to share their expertise and provide information. Join us in the main ballroom.

- Jeane Petree, California, USA

Tips and Tricks for Teachers Teaching Braille in an Itinerant Setting

- Steph Kirkland and Linda Weber, Vancouver, BC

Vocal Eye: Described Performance for Those with Vision Loss

- Katie Humes, Washington State Deaf-Blind Project

Distance Mentoring Project: Teaming for Children who are DeafBlind

- Christine Neider, SFU Vancouver, BC

Visions for Success: Leading the Way for Blind Youth

- Mary Kay Kennedy – CNIB, Victoria, BC, Specialist, Children and Youth Services/O & M

Summer Camp at Zajac Ranch!

- Kolby & Jess, Youth Leadership in the Kootenays

A Whale Camp Story

- Teresa Tannock, CDDBA-BC, Vancouver, BC

Program Highlights: Canadian Deaf-Blind Association- BC

- Bruce Taylor, Susan Langdon, Michelle Graham, Sunny Hill Health Center

O&M and CVI: Implications or Interventions

- Lisa Bentz, Sun Peaks, Kamloops, BC

Benefits of Adaptive Snow Sports; Building Confidence

- Peter Burke, AMI, Toronto, Ontario

What is AMI? Accessible Media Inc! Come and learn more

- Lynn Langille, Kelowna, BC

CLVP – Children Low Vision Project: BC's very own comprehension low vision assessment for school age children

- Aniceta Skowron, Ancaster, Ontario

New Dimension of Tactile Drawing

- Chawky Moussa, CECITECH, Toronto, Ontario

Voiceye: An App for enabling access to printed information! SightCompass: Is your world SightCompass mapped?

- Allana Pierce, POPDB Consultant

BC Deafblind Outreach Presents: Our Website Relaunch and Introducing the iCorner for Intervenors!

- Rita Dilek, Department Head, VCC, Vancouver, BC

'Exploring VCC' - Options at College

FRIDAY EVENING

6:30 **BANQUET** and silent auction – An evening of FUN

8:15 **KEYNOTE:** Shawn Marsolais

Shawn is the founder of Blind Beginnings, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide children and youth who are blind or visually impaired with the necessary opportunities and experience to reach their full potential.

SATURDAY MORNING

8:00 **REGISTRATION** and breakfast
AER General Meeting; bring our breakfast and join us for AER – BC Chapter meeting
VENDORS and Display in main foyer

9:00 **KEYNOTE**: Tanni Anthony
“Intervention and strategies for preschoolers with visual impairments”

Tanni Anthony is the Director of the Access, Learning with the Exceptional Student Services Unit within the Colorado Department of Education. She is a certified teacher of students with visual impairments, low vision therapist, and Orientation and Mobility Specialist.

10:15 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:45 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

S1 Talking the Language of the Hands (Part One)

Barbara Miles This communication specialist/consultant and teacher, who is experienced with all ages and levels of persons with deafblindness, is “Talking the Language of the Hands”. In a two-part presentation, Ms. Miles will discuss and consider strategies for working with students with visual impairment or deafblindness.

S2 Building Resiliency

Dr. Heaven will focus on understanding the importance of support and the building of resiliency for children with visual impairments.

S3 Secondary Transitions

Bruce Mesman, Mike Longeran Join this dynamic duo! Bruce and Mike will discuss post secondary transitions – how can we best prepare our students?

11:45 **LUNCH**

VENDORS and displays

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

S4 Talking the Language of the Hands (Part Two)

Barbara Miles “Talking the Language of the Hands” (part two).

S5 Listen with Your Hands and Smile with your Eyes; the Art of Music Therapy

Dr. Johanne Brodeur, is the head of the Music Therapy Department, Victoria Conservatory of Music. Dr. Brodeur has been a clinician specializing in paediatric music therapy for over 25 years. She will share the practical experiences she has had with students with vision loss and/or deafblindness.

S6 Story Boxes

Jane Litman, TVI & District Learning Support Teacher, SD 61, Victoria. A practical look at building story boxes and in engaging students who are on the road to literacy.

2:15 **CELEBRATION COLLAGE** and refreshment break

Celebrate and honour what we do best in B.C. This inspirational collage travels around the province highlighting the achievement and activities of our students!

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