

AGENDA

TRANSPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS

Conference and Trade Show

SPECIAL NEEDS TRAINING

November 15 – 20, 2023

Embassy Suites, Frisco (Dallas) TX



Transporting Students With Disabilities & Special Needs
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KEYNOTES ▼



Dr. Ben Springer

Thursday, Nov. 16

ASPEN on the Bus:

Managing Aggressive Behaviors



Betsey Helfrich

Friday, Nov. 17

Transportation of Special Education Students:

Avoiding the Bumps and Legal Hazards



Shelley Rutledge, Ed.S, LCSW

Saturday, Nov. 18

Problematic Sexual Behaviors on Special

Needs Routes



Invited: Glenna Gallo

Assistant Secretary - USDoED

Office of Special Education &

Rehabilitation Services



SPECIAL TRAINING SESSIONS ▼ Subject to Change

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety on School Buses National Training *

Thursday 11/16 | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Instructors: Denise Donaldson, Susan Shutrump & Charlie Vits

Wheelchair Securement Boot Camp Training

Thursday 11/16 | 2 - 4 p.m.

Hosted by AMF-Bruns of America

Wheelchair Securement Training

Friday 11/17 | 2 - 4 p.m.

Hosted by Q'Straint/Sure-Lok

Hands-on School Bus Evacuations for Students with Special Needs & Preschoolers *

Saturday 11/18 OR Monday 11/20 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Onsite at Frisco JSD

Instructors: Denny Coughlin, Launi Harden, Aaron Harris
& Diandra Neugent

* Separate registration and fee required.

Thursday, November 16

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SPECIAL TRAINING 9 a.m – 6 p.m.

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety on School Buses National Training

Speakers: Kathy Anneken, Denise Donaldson, Fred Doelker, Kala Henkensiefken, Jacqueline Leach, Miriam Manary, Susan Shutrump & Charlie Vits

Description: The **newly updated** 2023 Child Passenger Safety on School Buses National Training provides an overview of the use of child safety restraint systems on school buses, with a focus on pre-school aged children and children with disabilities. Instructional videos are incorporated throughout the training. Participants are provided time for hands-on practice with guidance from skilled staff members. Nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will earn 3.5 continuing education units (CEUs) for course completion.

KEYNOTE 8 a.m – 9:15 a.m.

Part 1: ASPEN on the School Bus: Managing Aggressive Behaviors

Keynote by Ben Springer, Ph.D

Description: Unless you've spent some time on the "Yellow Submarine," you just don't understand. Disruptive and dangerous student behaviors take on a whole new dynamic on the bus. It is critical that school systems align the training of managing aggressive student behavior across both school and bus environments. Dr. Ben Springer, a national certified and award-winning school psychologist as well as author and a former director of special education, presents a half-day overview of his "Aspen on the Bus" curriculum that addresses safety on the school bus, especially managing students who are disabled or have special needs with dangerous or aggressive behaviors.

Students who are struggling in school are spending a lot of the time on the school bus as well and need support. So do the drivers, attendants and other transportation staff who are providing these children services. All TSD attendees will receive a free individual subscription to Dr. Ben's training courses, a \$595 value. District packages with an unlimited subscription will also be available for purchase.

GENERAL SESSION TRAINING 9:30 a.m -12 p.m.

Part 2: ASPEN on the School Bus: Managing Aggressive Behaviors

Deep Dive with Ben Springer, Ph.D

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LUNCH 12 p.m – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

SPECIAL TRAINING 2 p.m – 4 p.m. Wheelchair Securement Boot Camp Training

At this Training Boot Camp, student transporters will learn to train with AMF Bruns' recently launched automatic and self-tensioning Silver Series retractors. With this course, school transportation professionals will be provided the tools to support and teach their teams proper safety techniques, which included hands-on training. The key objective to this course includes: Overview of equipment, Securing the wheelchair, Securing the occupant with a different variety of occupant securements, Understanding your vehicle floor anchorages, WC 18 and WC 19 and understanding the regulation; identifying a WC 19 wheelchair, Raising awareness about risks of not properly securing passengers, Deboarding passengers, and Passenger sensitivity/etiquette.

Certification will be provided upon completion of this course.

This seminar is available to Main Conference Attendees but requires separate registration at no extra charge. Class size is limited to 50 participants.

SESSION 2 p.m – 6 p.m.

Foundations of Special Needs Transportation

Friday, November 17

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KEYNOTE 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Transportation of Special Education Students: Avoiding the Bumps and Legal Hazards

Description: In this fast-paced presentation, special education attorney Betsey Helfrich, will examine school transportation from a legal perspective. From a review of recent case law to current hot-topics, this presentation will dive into the legalities of the transportation of students with disabilities. From aides on buses to sharing information with the transportation department, this presentation will include practical tips that you need to know to minimize liability and keep students safe.

GENERAL SESSION 9:45 a.m – 11:45 a.m. Susavage v. Bucks: Then & Now

LUNCH 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch & Learn with the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC)

Student transportation directors need options to diesel powered buses and they need cooperation and support from their chief mechanics, chief financial officers, and superintendents for adoption to these alternatives. Steve Whaley of the Propane Education & Research Council will facilitate a discussion with panelists from each of these positions for transportation directors to learn how to get buy in from everyone to launch a successful transition to a financially and environmentally sustainable solution

SPECIAL TRAINING 2 p.m – 4 p.m.

Wheelchair Securement Training | Special Needs Roadeo

Receive instruction from Q'Straint/Sure-Lok representatives on proper securement of wheelchairs in school buses. This class is a refresher class for TSD Roadeo contestants as well as main conference attendees. Separate registration is **NOT** required

BREAKOUT SESSION	2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Breakout Session
SESSION	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	OT/PT/Transporter Forum
BREAKOUT SESSION	3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Breakout Session

Saturday, November 18

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SPECIAL TRAINING	8 a.m – 2 p.m.	Roadeo Competition
GENERAL SESSION	8 a.m – 9:15 a.m.	Keynote

SPECIAL TRAINING 9 a.m– 4 p.m.

Hands-on School Bus Evacuations for Students with Special Needs & Preschoolers
Instructors: Denny Coughlin, Launi Harden, Aaron Harris & Diandra Neugent

Description: Obtain a better understanding of evacuation best practices and know-how to properly and quickly get students of all ages off the bus before they even board. This all-day training will take place at Prosper ISD. Transportation will be provided. It will combine classroom instruction with hands-on practice on real buses. Learn the importance of knowing student information and their individual capabilities, training students and staff, the role of dispatchers, creating seating charts, and developing an evacuation. The hands-on training includes a blanket drag, belt cutting, wheelchairs, and timed evacuation in a bus filled with theater smoke to simulate a fire.

Maximum of 32 participants | Separate registration and fees required

BREAKOUT SESSION	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session
BREAKOUT SESSION	10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Breakout Session
LUNCH	12 p.m -1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your Own
BREAKOUT SESSION	1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session

BREAKOUT SESSION	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Breakout Session
TRADE SHOW	6 p.m – 8:30 p.m.	Trade Show + Tailgate Reception

Sunday, November 19

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GENERAL SESSION	8 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	General Session
TRADE SHOW	9:30 a.m–1 p.m.	Trade Show & Lunch
BREAKOUT SESSION	1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session
BREAKOUT SESSION	3 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Breakout Session
BREAKOUT SESSION	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Breakout Session

Monday, November 20

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GENERAL SESSION	8:30 a.m – 9:45 a.m.	Closing General Session
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