

LDAWC Family Conference Program

Saturday, October 20, 2018



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Association of Wellington County

St. James Catholic High School
57 Victoria Road N, Guelph

This is a FREE event made possible through a Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant funded by the Ministry of Education.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants.

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:05 Welcoming Remarks, Susan Newcombe & Christine MacDonald

9:05 – 11:45 Keynote – Beyond “Lazy and Unmotivated”: Why Parents and Teachers Need to Know about Executive Skills, Dr. Peg Dawson

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:45 Concurrent Workshop Streams – Topics

	Breakout #1	Breakout #2	Breakout #3	Breakout #4
12:30 – 1:45	5 Steps to Becoming an Effective Parent Advocate – Sue Shaw	How to Help Kids with LDs Navigate the Online World/Social Media – Dr. Adelle Pratt & Dr. Laura Brown, Insight Psychology on Norfolk	Growth Mindset – Cheryl Vrkljan & Suzan Grace	How to Support the LD Math Learner – Jacquie Weresch & Debbie Snow, Upper Grand District School Board

1:45 – 2:00 Nutrition Break

2:00 – 3:15 Concurrent Workshop Streams – Topics

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2:00 – 3:15	ReadABILITY – Home-based, Foundational Literacy Strategies – Susan Slack Miller	Bridging the Gap with Google: Tools to Support Learning for All – Leanne Husk	Psychosocial Well-being: Social Relationships and Self-perceptions – Dr. Michèle Preyde, University of Guelph	5 Steps to Becoming an Effective Parent Advocate – Sue Shaw

3:15 – 3:20 Closing Remarks

About our keynote speaker, Dr. Peg Dawson

Peg Dawson, Ed.D., NCSP, received her doctorate in school/child clinical psychology from the University of Virginia. She worked as a school psychologist for 16 years in Maine and New Hampshire, and since 1992 has worked at the Center for Learning and Attention Disorders in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where she specializes in the assessment of children and adults with learning and attention disorders. She has many years of organizational experience at the state, national, and international level, and served in many capacities, including president, of the New Hampshire Association of School Psychologists, the National Association of School Psychologists, and the International School Psychology Association.

She is the author of numerous articles and book chapters on a variety of topics, including retention, ability grouping, reading disorders, attention disorders, the sleep problems of adolescents, the use of interviews in the assessment process, and homework. Along with her colleague, Dr. Richard Guare, she has written several books for parents and professionals on the topic of executive skills, including *Smart but Scattered* and *Smart but Scattered Teens*. Peg is the 2006 recipient of the National Association of School Psychologists' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Learn more about Peg at <http://www.smartbutscatteredkids.com/>

About her address, Beyond “Lazy and Unmotivated”: Why Parents and Teachers Need to Know about Executive Skills

When the conversation turns to executive skills, parents often say, “We didn’t know anything about these when we were growing up—and we turned out *just fine*.” In this keynote, Dr. Dawson confronts that sentiment head on. The co-author of *Smart but Scattered* and other books on executive skills explains the executive skills framework she’s been working with for over 20 years—why it’s a better way to describe struggling students than calling them lazy or unmotivated, and why the more parents and teachers understand about these skills, the better they’ll be able to help students strengthen these important habits of mind. She will paint a picture of the strategies she sees as holding the most promise for helping students of all ages develop, tune up, and master these critical life skills.