

BLaST Intermediate Unit #17  
2400 Reach Road, P.O. Box 3609  
Williamsport, PA 17701

*Announcing*  
***“The 11th Annual  
Early Childhood Community Conference”***

*Featuring: John “Kinderman” Taylor*

Monday, October 10, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Canton Junior/Senior High School



**Sponsored by:**

BLaST Intermediate Unit #17

Bradford County Regional Arts Council

Bradford-Tioga Head Start

Lycoming-Clinton Head Start

Canton Area School District

“Bringing together community members involved in early childhood education in order to maximize skills, knowledge, and resources to insure a quality early childhood experience for children in the region.”

## Agenda

### Keynote:

**“Kindercise: A Moving and Chanting Approach to Learning”**  
*Three-time Emmy Award winner and Master Teacher*  
John “Kinderman” Taylor has been nationally recognized for his approach to early childhood education that focuses on movement, dance, rhyme, song, adventure, learning games and stunning visuals. The “Kinderman” will inspire the imagination of all ages.

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration—Refreshments, Visit Vendor Displays
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcoming Remarks and Introductions  
Amy Breon, BLaST, IU #17 Educational Consultant
- 9:15 a.m.** Keynote Speaker – John “Kinderman” Taylor  
Master Teacher, Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts
- 10:15 a.m.** Break—Visit Vendor Displays
- 10:45 a.m.** Morning Session

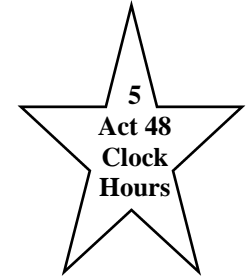
- **Program #1.....Story Telling-** *Fiona Powell: Story Teller, Bradford County Regional Arts Council*  
Sometimes the best way to get a young child into books is to come out from behind the book! How to put the book down and show children the marvels of literature through story. Preschool through 3rd grade
- **Program #2.....Hands On Digital Photography for Beginners**  
*Tracy Whitehead, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, BLaST, IU #17*  
This workshop will be geared toward participants with NO experience in digital photography. Participants will have the opportunity to handle and become familiar with a digital camera. They will take digital pictures, download them to a computer and print pictures to take with them. Preschool through 3rd grade
- **Program #3.....Color Me Healthy** - *Vicki Lewis, Extension Educator/ County Extension Director, Penn State Cooperative Extension of Lycoming County & Ruth Love-Schooley, Family Literacy Coordinator at The Learning Center*  
Color Me Healthy is a nutrition and physical activity program for children ages 4 & 5. This presentation will highlight the free instructional resources that will be distributed to all session participants.

**Please Clip and Mail In Your Registrations/Payment Now**  
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## “The 11th Annual Early Childhood Community Conference” Registration Form

Please complete the following information and return the form with a check in the amount of **\$25.00** per person made payable to **BLaST Intermediate Unit #17**. Pre-payment is required (Purchase Orders will be accepted). If paying for more than one person, please list everyone who is attending.  
No-shows will be charged.

Send to: **Pat Way**  
**BLaST IU #17**  
**2400 Reach Road, P.O. Box 3609**  
**Williamsport, PA 17701**  
(570) 323-1738—fax



Registration Deadline: **September 30, 2005**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### Morning Session

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Second Choice...1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

### Afternoon Session

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Second Choice.....17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

## Directions to Canton Junior/ Senior High School

### From Williamsport

- Travel Route 15 N for 12 miles
- Take PA-14 N (Trout Run/Canton Exit)
- Travel 25.5 miles to a traffic light
- Turn right onto W. Main Street/ PA-414
- Canton Junior/Senior High is 1/2 mile on the left

### From Troy/ US Route 6

- Take PA-14 S / Canton Street
- Travel 10.5 miles to a traffic light
- Turn left onto W. Main Street/ PA-414
- Canton Junior/Senior High is 1/2 mile on the left

## We would like to acknowledge and thank our fine vendors for supporting this event:

- ❖ Children's Discovery Workshop
- ❖ Comprehensive Highway Safety Program
- ❖ Country Thyme Mercantile
- ❖ Discovery Toys
- ❖ Houghton Mifflin Company
- ❖ Learning Works
- ❖ Pearson Learning Group
- ❖ Purple Platypus
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair
- ❖ Scholastic Education
- ❖ Sopris West Educational Services
- ❖ Special Kids Network
- ❖ The Kinderman
- ❖ Usborne Books

A variety of items will be available for purchase. Come prepared to purchase classroom supplies, gifts, and instructional resources.

For more information please contact Pat Way at BLaST IU #17  
(570) 323-8561  
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- **Program #4.....“Understanding the World of Selective Mutism”**  
*Sherry Heckman, Pennsylvania Connections State Coordinator*  
Do you know a child who doesn't speak in school or select settings yet speaks at home? Perhaps he/she is suffering from selective mutism. This workshop will help participants understand how to work with these children and gain broader knowledge on this disorder. Preschool through 3rd grade
- **Program #5.....I.G.D.I.s: Individual Growth and Development Indicators**  
*Dan Thompson, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN*  
IGDIs are standardized and replicable tools that can be used to assess and progress monitor young children and interventions toward general outcome goals in the areas of communication, movement, early social skills, and early problem solving. This session will provide an overview of their value to EI programs, their administration, the IGDI website, and their value in guiding and monitoring intervention in young children. Preschool
- **Program #6.....Enhancing Story Time**, *Judy Isaac, Alternative Education Program Supervisor, Former Early Childhood Consultant, BLaST, IU #17*  
Learn different ways to make story time more fun. We will address special needs and learning styles. Preschool through 3rd grade
- **Program #7.....Anchoring Down Standards: Assessing the Young Learner**  
*Christine Miller & Jessi Perruquet, Kindergarten Teachers, Central Elementary, South Williamsport Area School District*  
Learn to adapt PA Assessment Anchors to your school curriculum. View a model assessment and create your own using a grade level text. (Please bring a text of your choice.) K through 3rd grade
- **Program #8.....Making Math “Count!”—Patti Wirick/ Gayle Paruch, Educational Consultants, Early Intervention Technical Assistance**  
Just as early literacy development is essential for later reading success, early numeracy skills are important for later math success! This session will explore current research, strategies and instructional activities to support math development in preschool-aged children. Preschool
- **Program #9.....Math Strategies That Add up to Success**  
*Nan Rodgers & Carol Good, Educational Consultants, PaTTAN*  
Come learn about the big ideas in math and strategies for helping students K-3 problem solve and develop proficiency with essential math concepts and skills. K through 3rd grade
- **Program #10.....Creating Social Stories—Kelly Swartwood & Melissa Peddigree, Behavior Support Consultants, BLaST, IU #17**  
The use of social stories provides individuals with Autism information that is accurate about social situations they encounter. This workshop will provide guidelines for creating social stories and discuss when social stories should be utilized. Preschool through 3rd grade

- **Program #11.....*Let's Talk***—Jen Wagner, Speech Clinician, BLaST, IU #17  
This session will provide information about the stages in the development and acquisition of speech and language in preschoolers and what is considered “typical.” Suggestions to help children with communication difficulties as well as activities that encourage growth in speech and language for all children will be shared. Preschool AM & PM Extended Session
- **Program #12.....*Building Infant and Toddler Toys to Foster Parent Involvement*** Tanya Chapel & Berni Hornung, Bradford-Tioga Head Start  
This workshop is designed for sharing creative ways of using household items to make unique toys (from texture blocks to puzzles), that enhance developmental milestones, and promote parent/child interactions. We will encourage participants to share their best practices. Participants will leave with a packet of activities for families. Preschool
- **Program #13.....*Autism Update***—Norma Barges & Brenda Smerdon, Laurel Behavioral Health  
Relationship Development Intervention and Verbal Behavior Intervention: An overview of techniques for working with children on the Autism Spectrum. Preschool through 3rd grade
- **Program #14.....*Reading, Writing, and Glue***—Todd Moyer, Educational Consultant , BLaST, IU #17  
A make-it-and-take-it workshop to promote early literacy development. Participants will gain additional ideas to create tools to maximize motivation and learning based upon the Early Learning Standards. Preschool
- **Program #15... *The Development of Executive Function in Early Childhood*** Mark Nevill, School Psychologist, BLaST, IU #17 The term “Executive Function” represents a variety of interrelated processes that are responsible for purposeful, goal-directed, problem solving behavior. The training will review current research in a neuro-developmental context. Educational interventions/ application for early childhood will be discussed. Preschool through 3rd grade



**12:15—1:15**

***Take this time to enjoy your lunch and to visit over a dozen vendors. Be ready to take advantage of their specials and discounts before they sell out.***

***Door Prizes will be awarded!***

**1:15—2:45 p.m.**

**Afternoon Session**

- **Program #16.....Repeat of Program #1**
- **Program #17.....Repeat of Program #2**
- **Program #18.....Repeat of Program #4**
- **Program #19.....Repeat of Program #5**
- **Program #20.....Repeat of Program #7**
- **Program #21.....Repeat of Program #10**
- **Program #22.....Continuation of Program #11**
- **Program #23.....Repeat of Program #14**
- **Program #24.....Repeat of Program #15**
- **Program #25.....*More of “Kindercise”***—John “Kinderman” Taylor, Master Teacher, Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning  
Participants will learn more about how performing arts techniques can be integrated into their curriculum and model those techniques, by using designated rhythm, movement, chants and props. Preschool through 3rd grade
- **Program #26....*Literacy Around the House***—Tom Heffner, Program Specialist, Early Childhood Education & Penn College Early Educators  
Come enjoy this hands on workshop as we explore literacy around the house. We will examine ways to foster children’s literacy by using household items. Preschool
- **Program #27.....*Sharing Nature with Children***—Phyllis Marriner & Sandy Button, Education Supervisor/Projects & Partnership Coordinator, Bradford-Tioga Head Start  
An interactive training exploring “hands on” nature experiences for children using fun and simple activities that can be incorporated in planning for outdoor activities as well as the science area. Many of these activities can be adapted to your individual classroom needs. Preschool
- **Program #28.....*Those Picky Eaters***—Vicki Lewis, Extension Educator/County Extension Director, Penn State Cooperative Extension of Lycoming County  
Do you know a child who is a picky eater? This workshop will look at some of the emotional issues that surround children and their eating behavior and will provide you with some ideas to encourage children to eat. Preschool through 3rd grade



**2:45 -3:00 p.m.** Complete Evaluations & Act 48 Forms