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Save the Dates

**The 55th Annual
MATCEI Spring
Conference:
The 4th R
Relationships**
**[Click here to
register!](#)**

**April 17th - 19th
2013**



MATCEI Fall Conference Review

Breaking Down the Walls with Steve Vitto

What a great Fall Conference we had this year! Steve Vitto, M.A., newly retired Behavior Specialist from Muskegon Area ISD had participants captivated with his presentation on Strategies for Defiant Children. Steve's work focuses on identifying the behaviors that indicate specific skill deficits in students and how to effectively address, model, and teach the appropriate replacement skills. Steve shared with us a problem solving model of intervention that we used throughout the day. This working model is one that each participant was encouraged to bring back to their classroom, building, and/or district to continue the work locally, individually, and independently. He seamlessly blended the work of Collaborative Problem Solving, Life Space Crisis Intervention, and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention with his own learning to create a comprehensive presentation.

Steve's style was relaxed and easy going. He made it easy for the participants to ask questions and to have open discussions regarding their specific concerns with students. Steve provided all participants with a CD of very valuable tools and resources.

What Participants thought

Comments from our MATCEI Fall Conference participants include, "It was very helpful to receive a handout and CD with information and examples", "Great Job Steve", "I appreciate the great examples to help me understand behaviors like ODD, EI, and Social Maladjustment" "Like the way he stressed relationships with students, non-punitive, pro-active not reactive".

During Steve's presentation he sent participants a strong message about the importance of relationships! He firmly believes that a pro-active, non-punitive approach will bring about the greatest change and skill development for students who exhibit defiant behavior.

MATCEI Welcomes Back Steve Vitto



With his focus on *Relationships*, The MATCEI Board feels it is an incredible opportunity to **bring Steve back to present at our 55th Annual MATCEI Spring Conference!**

Steve will focus on the importance of relationships in the life of a child. Watch for the conference newsletters for more details on this valuable presentation.

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**Join us at the
monthly MATCEI
meetings!**

We will be
meeting at 6:00
at Cleary's Pub in
Howell, MI.

Thursday,
March 21st

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Looking for the 3 Ms by President Richard Spring

The MATCEI Board is hard at work. We have had a fantastic Fall In-service with Steve Vitto in December. We have been hard at work developing the 55th Annual Spring Conference (it happens in the spring; not named after me!). We are represented on the State Special Education Advisory Committee, and the concerns of unmet needs of our students with emotional and behavioral challenges are shared with this important group on a consistent basis. Our board is small, but extremely dedicated, and those serving on it have been on the board for many years. So what does that have to do with the title of this article? First, it is a nod to the theme of the Spring Conference (The 4th R-Relationships). Second, it is a plea to our members. The 3 M's we are looking to tap into are Motivated, MATCEI, Members!

Think about the fact that we have been offering a Spring Conference for 54 years, and this is going to be a fabulous conference. Karen West as the Conference Chair (her third year in a row handling all those arrangements, contacting speakers, making sure you have a wealth of research based best practice workshops to choose from, and at the same time holding down costs to keep this the most affordable two and half day conference out there). So, help us out.

- **Plan to attend** (April 17, 18, and 19).
- **Be sure you register by April 1** (to get the reduced conference rate and ensure that you will only pay the conference rate for your room).
- **Tell your co-workers** (so they can benefit from this terrific professional development opportunity).
- **Remember SCECH's, formerly known as State Board CEU's and Social Work CE's are included at no additional cost to you!**
- **Talk to your supervisors NOW!** They need to be aware that you are planning to attend.

Motivated, MATCEI, Members are needed to fill the workshops! They are needed to maintain their membership (we have just voted to cut the cost of membership again). Encourage others to join. We need you to let us know what we are doing right, what we should do different, and what you, as the most important people in the lives of our challenging students, need. They are also needed to take the professional leap and join our board. We will mentor you and we are convinced that it will be well worth your time and effort. So, how many of you 3M's are out there? Let us know. Let's see you in April!

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Book Review: Texts and Lessons for Content-Area Reading

by Harvey "Smokey" Daniels and Nancy Steineke

Today we're all expected to be "teachers of reading"-no matter what our subject area. With *Texts and Lessons for Content-Area Reading*, Harvey "Smokey" Daniels and Nancy Steineke support content-area and language-arts teachers alike by pairing more than 75 short, kid-tested reproducible nonfiction texts with 33 simple, ready-to-go lessons that deepen comprehension and support effective collaboration. And we all know that comprehension and collaboration are just what the new Common Core State Standards call for (CCSS, 2010).

Each real-world text was chosen for its subject-area relevance, its interest to teens, and for its "wow factor". Step-by-step lessons accompany each text, including:

23 Strategy Lessons that focus closely on at least one key comprehension strategy or collaboration skill that proficient learners use, and address the

Common Core Standards for ELA

10 Text Set Lessons that directly align to commonly taught curricular topics and offer a deeper, longer engagement in the subjects and strategies at hand

Watch what happens when you give your kids a combination of interesting texts, instruction in smart-reader strategies, and an explicit understanding of good discussion skills. Meeting the standards has never been so much fun.

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Website Wonders



World.com

ools K12. That is how PBIS World came to be! This AMAZING website **es** for implementing and data tracking Positive Behavioral Supports tier of MTSS (RTI). Begin by clicking on a behavior of concern and **ence based interventions**, provides FREE ready to print step by step **collection forms** for reporting and accountability!



ClassDojo.com

ClassDojo is a **FREE classroom tool** that helps teachers improve behavior and captures and generates data on behavior that teachers can quickly and easily share with students, parents and administrators. Your students can create their own avatar, and track their own behaviors as well. ClassDojo allows you to **easily document targeted behaviors** for individual students or an ENTIRE class!

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