

Hotel Information

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Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration

presents the...

12th Annual Family Conference

Resources and Inspiration for Adult Family Members
and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities

*Featuring The Shut Up Sisters,
Gina Gallagher & Patricia Terrasi*



Saturday, April 7th, 2018

Spalding Pastoral Center
419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, Illinois

Registration 8:30-9:00am
Conference 9:00am-3:00pm

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND PRESENTERS

On a perfection-preoccupied planet, sisters Gina Gallagher and Patricia Terrasi, dare to openly speak about the frustrations, stigmas, joys, and challenges they face as parents of children with disabilities (one with Asperger's syndrome, the other with bipolar disorder). This refreshingly frank and enjoyable presentation, based on their book, has participants laughing out loud and celebrating the joys, gifts, and milestones of special children. Participants will learn –

- How laughter can be a powerful coping technique.
- How to deal with insensitive people.
- How to get your children the services and the support they need.
- How to help break stigma.
- How to see the joys and gifts in raising special children.

Gina (Terrasi) Gallagher (the sister afraid of failure) is a Hatch award-winning copy-writer and speaker who provides writing and strategic consulting services to several of New England's leading businesses. The mother of two daughters, Katie and Emily, Gina resides in Marlborough, MA, with her husband Michael and countless dust bunnies.

Patricia Terrasi (the sister afraid of success) is Director of Family Services in the Developmental Services Division at Advocates, Inc. The mother of three children, Julianne, Jennifer, and Michael, Patricia is a strong advocate for wearing white after Labor Day.

Gina and Patty are co-authors of the best-selling parenting book *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children*; creators of a nearly one-million strong worldwide Facebook community; and past recipients of the National Alliance on Mental Illness' Heroes in the Fight Award for advocating for those with mental illness. They speak at parenting, mental health, and educational conferences around the country, have been featured by CNN, and in national radio and print media outlets.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The Conference is for adult family members & caregivers of children (birth-22) who have developmental delays or disabilities. Service providers & educators are also welcome.

CONFERENCE COLLABORATORS

Early CHOICES • Family Matters Parent Training Information Center • Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome Association, Inc. • Project Reach: Illinois Deaf Blind Services • STARNET Region I & III • The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center / Family Voices • Parents of individuals with disabilities

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This workshop has been approved for **5.0 contact hours** for:

- Educator License Renewal
- CDA (Child Development Associate) credit in area #3
- CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT, and OT professionals
- Gateways to Opportunity credit in area B
- EI credit approval pending

REGISTRATION

There is a **\$15 per person (nonrefundable) registration fee for family members** and a **\$25 (non-refundable) registration fee for professionals**. Breakfast and lunch are included. **Checks should be payable to "Family Matters," but mailed with the registration form to Starnet Regions I & III (address on form) by March 24, 2018.** Registration is limited. **CHILDREN CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE CONFERENCE.**

Information or financial assistance: Deb Einhorn, Family Matters, 866-436-7842 x116, deinhorn@fmptc.org or Mary Smith, STARNET Regions I & III, 217-602-0124, mk-smith@wiu.edu

Registration Form

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You will receive confirmation or a waiting list notice three weeks prior to conference.

Name(s) _____

Send confirmation to my... ☐ home ☐ business address below...

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

District/Agency (prof. only) _____

I live in _____ county. I work in (prof. only) _____ county.

Program Affiliation (prof. only):

- ☐ Early Intervention
- ☐ ECSE
- ☐ Preschool for All (PFA)
- ☐ Blended ECSE/PFA
- ☐ Head Start
- ☐ K-3
- ☐ State Prevention Initiative
- ☐ Child Care
- ☐ Community Pre-School
- ☐ Preschool Dev./Expan. Grant
- ☐ State Prevention Initiative
- Other _____

Position (check one):

- ☐ Administrator
- ☐ Developmental Specialist (EI)
- ☐ Family Member **[age of child(ren)]** ____
- ☐ Family Educator
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Teacher Assistant
- ☐ OT/PT
- ☐ Psychologist
- ☐ Service Coordinator (EI)
- ☐ SLP
- ☐ Social Worker
- Other _____

☐ Special accommodation (eg: interpreter, wheelchair accessible, special diet, etc.).

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