

Thursday, September 1, 2011 7:30-9:00
Lexington High School, Room 147, Media Lab

Lexington Special Education Parent Advisory Council presents:

Executive Function Strategies across the Grades: A Systematic Approach

The speaker will discuss the development of executive function processes in children along with examples of developmental tasks at different age levels. The talk will also address specific areas that are challenging to students at school and home with respect to executive function processing. A rationale will be presented for a structured scope and sequence as well as a systematic curriculum for addressing executive function processes across the grades. Finally, the speaker will discuss a framework to guide parent-teacher communication about students' executive function processing.

Presenter: Kalyani Krishnan, M.A.

Kalyani Krishnan is the Assistant Director of Assessment and a Language and Learning Specialist at the Institute for Learning and Development in Lexington, MA. She is also a licensed school psychologist. Over the past 15 years, Kalyani has worked with children and adults in her capacity as a clinician and teacher. She has consulted with families and schools, taught graduate level classes and presented at many conferences. Kalyani has also spoken to groups of parents, teachers and other professionals on a range of topics including executive function processes, written language and nonverbal learning disabilities. She has been invited to speak on numerous occasions at the annual Learning Differences conference at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Kalyani has contributed to a number of recent books with her colleagues from ResearchILD including *Executive Function in Education* (Guilford Press, 2007), *A Parent Guide to Hassle-Free Homework*, (Scholastic, 2007), and *Promoting Executive Function in the Classroom* (Guilford Press, 2010).

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From 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM, the Lexington SEPAC will be holding a business meeting at the same location. All are welcome to attend.

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