

## **Conference 2015 - Parent Day**

**Saturday, February 21, 2015 - Toronto, ON**

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### **Parent Workshops**

On Parent Day at the ABC 2015 Conference, you will have the opportunity to attend two workshops. During registration, you will be asked to indicate your workshop preferences.

Before registering, please review the workshop selections below.

Space in each workshop is limited. We will do our best to accommodate your choices. The schedule and workshop offering are subject to change without notice.

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#### ***How to Listen When They Need to Talk: A Workshop to Enhance Communication***

This workshop will engage the audience in brief activities, which potentially enhance parent/guardian-child communication, marital and partner communication, and family life. These skills can also be applied in parent/guardian-teacher communication. In general, skilled communication and carefully considered “postures” are essential to effective advocacy. Basic guidelines for parent advocacy will conclude the workshop.

#### ***Nature and Needs of the Gifted Learner***

A child is screened for gifted designation. An IPRC confirms the identification and decides on an available program placement. What’s next? Parents and educators need to understand how to identify and develop a quality gifted program that extends beyond academics.

#### ***The Gifted Learner: Best Educational Practices***

A successful gifted program is one that strives to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of the gifted learner. Research shows that there are specific best practices that should be combined to support the unique learning needs of gifted children. A further look at research reveals numerous case studies that document how the most effective approaches to curriculum planning and deliver yields the highest outcome of student engagement for gifted learners.

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***How to Advocate for your child.***

Topics discussed will include: Navigating the school system, your rights as a parent, your child's rights, effective home-school communication and more. Questions may sent in advance. Those registering will receive and email address to sent their questions.