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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Transportation Directors  
Exceptional Student Education Directors

**FROM:** Julie Wammack  
Special Needs Transportation Specialist

**DATE:** January 21, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Regional Workshops: "Hot Topics in Transporting Students with Disabilities"

Friday, February 6, 2004  
Tuesday, February 17, 2004  
Wednesday, February 18, 2004

Clay County  
Palm Beach County  
Orange County

The Department's School Transportation Management Section is offering three regional workshops in February on the most current "hot topics" for transporting students with disabilities. Julie Weatherly, an attorney with Resolutions in Special Education, Inc., will be the presenter. RISE is a consulting business established to provide assistance to public schools in their efforts to educate children with disabilities in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Ms. Weatherly will share an overview of IDEA and Section 504 and will provide other important and relevant information on transporting students with disabilities.

The workshops will be designed to address relevant issues for transporting students with disabilities, and exceptional student education personnel are encouraged to attend. Each district will host two half-day workshops containing the same information, with a morning session from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and an afternoon session from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The date and location for each workshop are listed on the attached registration form. The workshops in Clay and Palm Beach Counties can accommodate 75 participants at each session; the workshop in Orange County can accommodate 50 people at each session.

**CHARLIE HOOD**  
*Director, School Transportation*

Transportation Directors and Exceptional Student Education Directors  
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We are hoping most participants will be able to make this a half-day event but for those who might need motel accommodations, please contact the following people for more information. In Clay County, call Michelle Todd at 904-284-6500, ext. 2456; in Palm Beach County, call Marlene Buettner at 561-688-7548; in Orange County, call Vicki Creech at 407-521-2339, ext. 7258.

If you are interested in registering for one of the workshops, please fill out the attached registration form and e-mail it to me at [Julie.Wammack@fldoe.org](mailto:Julie.Wammack@fldoe.org) or fax it to our office at 850-245-9935 by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. There is no required registration or tuition fee.

If you have any questions regarding the workshops, please call our office at 1-850-245-9795.

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cc: Michele Polland ([Michele.Polland@fldoe.org](mailto:Michele.Polland@fldoe.org))

Attachment: Registration Form

# Hot Topics in Transporting Students with Disabilities Registration Form

**WHO:** Transportation Staff (Trainers, Route Specialists, ESE liaisons, etc.)  
ESE Personnel (Program Specialists, Occupational/Physical Therapists, etc.)

**WHEN AND WHERE:**

**Friday, February 6, 2004**

**Clay District**

Fleming Island High School

2233 Village Square Parkway

Fleming Island, Florida 32003

75 Participants

Michelle Todd: 904-284-6500 X2456

**Tuesday, February 17, 2004**

**Palm Beach District**

Okaheelee Nature Center

7715 Forrest Hill Blvd

West Palm Beach, Florida 33413

75 Participants

Marlene Buettner: 561-688-7548

**Wednesday, February 18, 2004**

**Orange District**

Pine Hills Transportation Compound

5140 North Pine Hills Road

Orlando, Florida 32808

50 Participants

Vicki Creech: 407-521-2339 X7258

**TIME:** 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**WHAT:** Julie Weatherly is an attorney with Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. She has worked with public schools in their efforts to educate children with disabilities in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Ms. Weatherly will address current and relevant topics in transporting students with disabilities.

**TO REGISTER:** Clay am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Palm Beach am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_  
(Check one location and session) Orange am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District Contact Person/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax the completed form to Julie Wammack at 850-245-9935 or e-mail to Julie.Wammack@fldoe.org by January 30, 2004.