Los Angeles County Administrators of Special Education
(LACASE)
presents

Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses (PSW) Model
for
Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)

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Jenny (Jones) Ponzuric is currently a Director in Teacher Support Services within the Ventura County Office of Education. She is also one of the lead trainers on the Ventura County SELPA PSW Model. Prior to coming to the county office, Jenny worked as a school psychologist for the Conejo Valley Unified School District for 13 years. She is a Past President of both the CA Association of School Psychologists and the Ventura County Association of School Psychologists. Jenny has also earned her Post-Graduate Certificate in School Neuropsychology.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2015
Time: 8:00 am Registration
8:30 am – 3:30 pm Workshop

New Location: Santa Clarita Sports Complex
20880 Centre Pointe Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Intended Audience: Special Education Administrators, Program Specialists, School Psychologists

The 2004 Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) prohibited states from requiring Local Education Agencies (LEA) to use the ability-achievement discrepancy model and authorized the use of alternative approaches to the identification of students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD). The use of the Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses (PSW) Model for SLD identification is indicated in the revised CA Education Code. With careful consideration and research, a variety of stakeholders and educational professionals across California examined alternative SLD assessment models. The result was a decision by the Ventura County SELPA to participate in the California State SELPA PSW Pilot Project in various school sites throughout the SELPA beginning in 2010. Based on the success of the pilot, the body of Directors of Special Education for the Ventura County SELPA approved a SELPA-wide roll out of the PSW model to begin in the 2014-2015 school year.

During this presentation, we will cover the rationale of why the PSW model for SLD identification was chosen over the other possible models. Additionally, we will review the process that Ventura County SELPA completed to receive consensus on the model. An overview of the model will be reviewed as well as the main elements found within the procedural manual.

To register for this workshop please select this link: PSW-SLD21016, or go to www.scvselpa.org

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