

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Dr. Marshak and Ms. Prezant, the authors of "Married with Special-Needs Children", are combining their years of experience working with disability and family issues in order to conduct a workshop developed specifically for couples raising children with special needs. Although the main focus is strengthening couples' relationships, the workshop will address other aspects of coping with issues of family life that also greatly impact couples. Participants will leave the workshop with many new ideas and a range of practical strategies to use at home to create marital change without getting overwhelmed.



Laura Marshak, Ph.D

Dr. Laura Marshak is a professor in the Dept. of Counseling at Indiana University of Penn. She is a licensed psychologist and founding partner of North Hills Psychological Services. She specializes in working with individuals and couples who are having difficulty coping with the intensified pressures of raising children with a broad range of disabilities. Dr. Marshak is on the therapeutic advisory board of the National Autism Association and the professional advisor of the Friendship Circle, an inclusion group for children. She has written seven books on disability related topics and many journal articles and speaks nationally and internationally on the topic of marriage and childhood disability. Dr. Marshak knows the topic of family and disability from both a personal and professional perspective.



Fran Prezant, M.Ed, CCC-SLP

Fran Prezant is Senior Vice President of *Abilities, USA*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing self sufficiency, independence and participation by people with disabilities, and Director of Research and Evaluation at *Abilities*. In 1986 she joined the faculty at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she taught in the Dept. of Special Education and developed and administered the Parent Information Project, a program for parents of children with disabilities. In 1999 Ms. Prezant joined *Abilities!*. Prezant presents at conferences and workshops and has coauthored many books as well as numerous journal articles on disability issues. She is currently working on a children's book related to career role models and children with disabilities.

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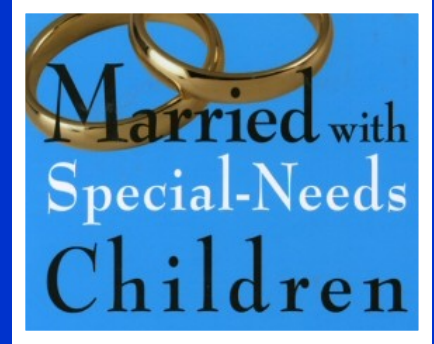
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2010 COUPLES CONFERENCE



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Married with Special Needs Children: A Couples Guide To Keeping Connected

March 5 & 6, 2010

Fri. 6-9 pm. Sat. 8-4 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel
and Conference Center
2501 Conference Drive
Norman, OK 73069

Conference hosted by:

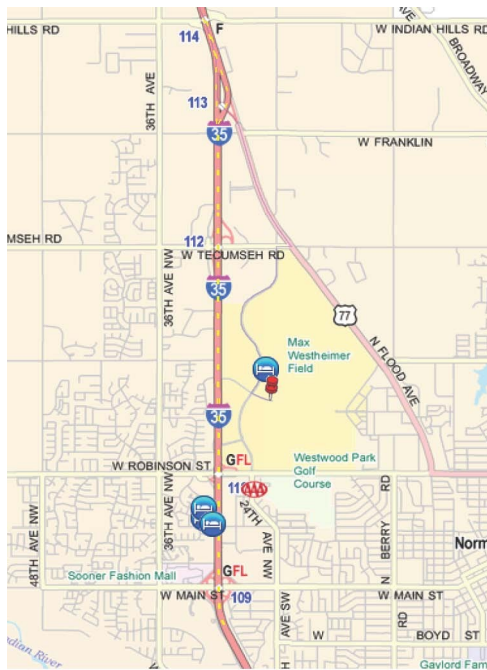




**2501 Conference Dr.
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 364-8040**

From Oklahoma City -
Take I-35 South 12 miles to Norman.
Exit at Tecumseh Rd. Turn left on W
Tecumseh Rd. Turn right on 24th Ave
NW. Turn left on Conference Dr.

From Dallas -
Take I-35 North. Exit Robinson St and
turn left. Turn left on 24th Ave . Turn
right on Conference Dr.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

This conference is open to all couples
who are caregivers to an individual
with special needs.

COST: \$40.00 per couple
(includes meals and materials)

COUPLES MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND

Childcare **WILL NOT** be provided for this
conference, however, if eligible, respite
money will be available to help with
childcare costs.

For information about scholarships and
respite care money please contact:
Traci Henry at
conferenceinfo@dsaco.org or (405)428-0900

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 5, 2010

5:30—6:30 pm Registration
6:00—7:00 pm Reception
7:00—9:00 pm Opening Session

Saturday, March 6, 2010

8:00—9:00 am Registration
9:00—12:00 pm Morning Session
12:00—1:00 pm Lunch (provided)
1:00—4:00 pm Afternoon Session

OVERNIGHT LODGING

Rooms are available at the
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center
2501 Conference Dr.
Norman, OK
(405) 364-8040

at a discounted rate of \$120.00 + tax per night. To
make a reservation call (405) 364-8040 and mention
Group Code—**DSC**, or go to
www.norman.embassysuites.com and enter Group/
Convention Code — **DSC** and make your reservation.

FOR SPECIAL ROOM RATE
Reservations must be made by **FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Husband — First and Last Name _____

Wife — First and Last Name _____

Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code and Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Spanish Translation Needed

Age of individual with disability _____

Disability _____

**Mail completed registration form and
payment to: Traci Henry,
10723 State Hwy. 76, Lindsay, OK 73052**

**Registration must be postmarked no later
than Thursday, January 31, 2010.**

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**Make checks payable to:
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For more information contact:
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