

Unleashing Our Children's Potential!

Overview for the Day –

Registration	8:00 - 8:30
Welcome - Julie Gunnigle, AAGT President & Adam Laningham, Deer Valley Gifted Manager	8:30 - 8:40
Keynote: "Leaving Genius on the Table: Unleashing the Critical Thinking Potential of All Children" By Colin Seale, of ThinkLaw	8:40 - 9:30
AAGT Board Introductions and State of Gifted Education funding in AZ	9:30 - 9:45
Break for Coffee & Vendor Visits	9:45 - 10:05
Breakout Session #1	10:05 - 10:50
Breakout Session #2	10:55 - 11:40
Breakout Session #3	11:45 - 12:30
*Optional Lunch & SEMG Group Meeting	

Children's Enrichment Classes –

8:30 – 12:30

Grades – K-3

Grades – 3-5

Rooms 102 / 104 / 106 / 108 / 107

*SENG Parent Group –

**Requires extra registration & fee*

Please see an AAGT Board Member if you want to sign up today

12:30 – 1:30

Hour lunch break

1:30 - 3:30

SENG Model Parent Group in Goldwater Library

Facilitated by Deer Valley Counselors



Breakout Session 1		10:05 – 10:50
<p>Cafeteria</p> <p>Defeating "I Don't Care" Syndrome</p> <p>There are few things more frustrating than children who have unlimited potential, but struggle with underachievement and a lack of motivation. This session helps parents win the motivation battle by learning about intrinsic motivation and exploring ways of preventing and defeating "I Don't Care" Syndrome with a concrete plan for helping children fulfill their true promise.</p> <p>Colin Seale, Educator & Author</p>	<p>Lecture Hall</p> <p>How To Get Off The Emotional Roller Coaster With Your Tween/Teen</p> <p>Are you getting "emotional whiplash" from your child's changing moods? The multifaceted development of gifted kids often leaves parents feeling like they are riding an emotional rollercoaster. In this presentation, Jamie Dana, of Elevate Counseling, explains why this is happening and shares tips to support your gifted kids.</p> <p>Jamie Dana, elevate Counseling</p>	<p>Room 213</p> <p>Powerful Strategies to Enhance the Learning of Gifted Students</p> <p>This workshop, by noted Stories With Holes author Nathan Levy, explores numerous, proven ways to reach gifted learners in challenging ways. Participants will leave with a variety of new strategies and specific ideas to help pupils become better creative and critical thinkers. A variety of successful teaching and parenting techniques relating to social and emotional needs will be shared. Bring your thinking caps and your funny bones to this dynamic presentation.</p> <p>Nathan Levy, Author & International Speaker</p>
<p>Room 214</p> <p>A Showcase of the Needs of a Specialized Middle School Gifted Program</p> <p>Gifted students differ from their age-level peers in cognitive development, their modes of learning and motivation, their interests, and their needs. This session will showcase the needs of these unique learners and discuss programming to address these needs including identification, assessment, affective development, and curriculum and instruction.</p> <p>Rebekah West Keur, Paradise Valley Unified School District</p>	<p>Room 215</p> <p>A Tale of Three Daughters; Parenting Gifted Children</p> <p>Raising three gifted children was no easy task; especially when I knew nothing about giftedness. However, through my own personal learning, I was able to advocate for my children. This is a tale of parenting imperfectly, partnering with my children to understand their needs, and having three teenaged daughters who still love to talk with me! Giftedness doesn't present itself in a neat little box; they're all different and we parents have the distinct opportunity to partner with them on this adventure!</p> <p>Krista Gibson, DVUSD Gifted Specialist</p>	<p>DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE TO THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED SIMPLY BY SHOPPING NORMALLY, AT NO COST TO YOU?</p> <p>Look for AAGT on</p> 

Breakout Session 2		10:55-11:40
<p>Cafeteria</p> <p>Defeating "I Don't Care" Syndrome</p> <p>There are few things more frustrating than children who have unlimited potential, but struggle with underachievement and a lack of motivation. This session helps parents win the motivation battle by learning about intrinsic motivation and exploring ways of preventing and defeating "I Don't Care" Syndrome with a concrete plan for helping children fulfill their true promise.</p> <p>Colin Seale, Educator & Author</p>	<p>Lecture Hall</p> <p>Finding Your Child's Element</p> <p>Being in the "Element" is the point where natural talent meets personal passion. Parents can help their child understand their own unique set of skills, talents and joys. You will discover the conditions that can help your child to find their own creative conduit to optimal growth.</p> <p>Dr. Mai-Lon Wong, AAGT Board Member</p>	<p>Room 213</p> <p>Strategies to Support Gifted Children and How Trauma Impacts Them</p> <p>Many gifted children, especially highly gifted children, suffer their own kind of trauma as they cope with being different and trying to fit into society and expectations placed on them. Having society, parents, teachers, a school system not understand them and how they think and learn, can have a profound impact on a child. These children are also just as likely to suffer from other traumas as any other child; however, their unique sensitivities and pressures they are already under put them at a unique risk. This presentation will open your eyes to what our children are going through, and also provide you with some strategies to help support them.</p> <p>Adam Laningham, Deer Valley Manager of Gifted & Advanced Academics & AAGT Board Member</p>
<p>Room 214</p> <p>Five Tips to Avoid Stress With Homework</p> <p>Nearly every gifted child and their parents experience challenges with homework on a regular basis: Tears, screaming, debates, quiet suffering... (and the list goes on). This highly interactive presentation will explore the emotional roots for this challenge and provide proven behavior-based techniques to get value from these daily events.</p> <p>Otto Siegel, Genius Coaching</p>	<p>Room 215</p> <p>Differential Diagnosis: A Logical Approach to Understanding Commonly Misdiagnosed Features of Gifted Children</p> <p>Common diagnoses asked about by parents are: working memory or short term memory deficit, processing speed deficit, central auditory processing deficit, sensory integration deficit, and oppositional defiant disorder. These disorders are most commonly not present. This lecture offers simple and logical methods for determining if they are present or not.</p> <p>Dr. Paul Beljan, Beljan Psychological Services</p>	<p>Room 217</p> <p>A Faster Way Forward: Career and Technical Education is for Gifted Students</p> <p>Parents, are you concerned with the sky-rocketing cost of college? In this session you will learn how Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides multiple rigorous and relevant college and career pathways. Through CTE early college programs and 90-30 pathways, your student can earn an in-demand AA and BA degree with sustainable employment. These are the most affordable college degrees in Arizona, and you are invited to learn specific details about these opportunities.</p> <p>Speranta Klees, WEST-MEC</p>

Breakout Session 3		11:45-12:30
<p>Cafeteria</p> <p>Parent Networking</p> <p>Meet with other parents in your geographic region and collaborate on parenting ideas and how to support our children and schools.</p>	<p>Lecture Hall</p> <p>How To Get Off The Emotional Roller Coaster With Your Elementary Child</p> <p>Are you getting "emotional whiplash" from your tween/teen's changing moods? The multifaceted development of gifted kids often leaves parents feeling like they are riding an emotional rollercoaster. In this presentation, Jamie Dana, of Elevate Counseling, explains why this is happening and shares tips to support your gifted kids.</p> <p>Jamie Dana, elevate Counseling</p>	<p>Room 213</p> <p>Powerful Strategies to Enhance the Learning of Gifted Students</p> <p>This workshop, by noted <i>Stories With Holes</i> author Nathan Levy, explores numerous, proven ways to reach gifted learners in challenging ways. Participants will leave with a variety of new strategies and specific ideas to help pupils become better creative and critical thinkers. A variety of successful teaching and parenting techniques relating to social and emotional needs will be shared. Bring your thinking caps and your funny bones to this dynamic presentation.</p> <p>Nathan Levy, Author & International Speaker</p>
<p>Room 214</p> <p>The College Prep I Wish I Knew... Tips From A Gifted College Student</p> <p>As a former high school student from this last decade, I experienced the new competitive environment of college admissions and scholarship applications. This session will cover the "insider secrets" and misconceptions of college preparation to maximize potential. Information applicable from elementary school years to senior year of high school.</p> <p>Briggs Carhart, Student, The University of Arizona College of Medicine</p>	<p>TAKE ACTION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO AAGT.</p> <p>HOW DOES YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING ADD UP?</p> <p>It's more than just 18 points. Donations keep our mission and vision going. Through your generosity, the gifted community in Arizona continues.</p> <p>When you donate to the Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented, the amount you donate is tax deductible. Donations can be made to honor a teacher, administrator, or a gifted program.</p> <p>If you own a company and would like to make a donation or offer a scholarship as part of your company's philanthropic program, please contact us at 602-882-1848 or email us: officemanager@azgifted.com.</p> <p>No donation is too small or too large. We greatly appreciate your donation.</p> <p>If you prefer to donate by check, please mail your donation to:</p> <p>Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented. P.O. Box 51772 Phoenix, AZ 85076-1772</p>	

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