

What we offer:

- **Autism Series:** workshops at the introductory level for professionals, family members, para-professionals, and local agencies.
- **Resource Library:** books, videos and curriculum available for checkout. Samples of visual support systems, work organizers, and sensory materials available to browse.
- **Networking** for autism consultants working the schools.
- **Consultations** with school teams/family members for specific students.
- **Training activities** in conjunction with the Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project such as visual systems for home and school, successful parent interactions, and toileting.
- **Technical Assistance:** Purchased services, phone contacts (consults), resources, general information, and effective intervention strategies.
- **Assistive Technology** resources for students with autism spectrum disorder.
- **Training Activities:** Paraprofessional training, "Make-n-Take" workshops, "Pulling It All Together" workshops, "Introduction to Autism" workshops.
- **Open House** activities for resource awareness.

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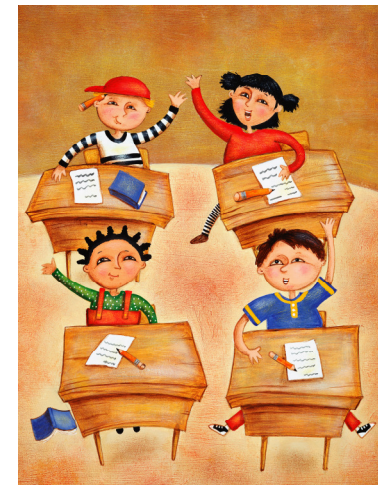
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NIA Special Education Districts and Cooperatives



- Aurora East District #131
- West Aurora School District #129
- Bi-County Special Education Cooperative
- Boone County Special Education Cooperative
- Carpentersville-Dundee CUSD #300
- DeKalb CUSD #428
- Elgin School District U-46
- Genoa Kingston CUSD #424
- Harlem #122 Special Education
- Hiawatha CUSD #426
- Hinckley Big Rock CUSD #429
- Indian Creek CUSD #425
- Lee County Special Education Association
- Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative
- Northwest Special Education Cooperative
- Ogle County Education Cooperative
- Rockford Public Schools District #205
- Sandwich CUSD #430
- Somonauk CUSD #432
- Sycamore CUSD #427
- Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative

About the NIA Team

- Participated in the extensive trainer of trainer model sponsored by the Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance team during 1998-1999
- Continues to receive training from recognized experts in the field
- Sponsors autism activities in collaboration with the special education directors, and the 72 member school districts of the NIA

The Mission of the NIA Regional Autism Training and Technical Assistance Team is to:

- Advocate for a team process and positive programming for children with autism spectrum disorders
- Support local teams
- Support staff who have participated in training
- Build local capacity
- Share information and resources with local staff and families
- Provide inservice and consultation to staff and families

Who is on the team:

Mary K. Brennan, M.S. CCC, is a Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist with over 25 years of experience in special education. Ms. Brennan's emphasis has been in providing augmentative communication/assistive technology services to children with multiple challenges. Ms. Brennan provides early intervention speech/language therapy services in DeKalb county and assistive technology services across the ten-county NIA region. Contact Mary K. Brennan at the Sycamore office, 815/895-9227.

Moneta Devine, M.Ed., CAS, is a special education teacher and supervisor with over 25 years of experience. Ms. Devine's experience has centered around children from birth to age 21 with significant disabilities. Ms. Devine provides technical assistance supervision (coaching) for the Vision/Ortho/Multi Department of the NIA. Contact Moneta Devine at the Rockford/E. State Street office 815/964-0937.

Lynn Marshall, M.S. Ed., OTR/L, has over 35 years of experience working with children and families. She has a master's degree in Educational Psychology and is certified in Sensory Integration and Therapeutic Listening. Ms. Marshall has participated in the Heartland Training. Ms. Marshall works as a therapy supervisor in Kane County for the NIA. Contact Lynn Marshall at the St. Charles office, 630/513-6781.

