Calling all educators, parents, caregivers, gifted kids and adults - Early Bird registration ends this month!

Pre-Conference Activities: July 19 | Conference: July 20-22

Join us at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego!
It's a busy time in sunny San Diego, so SENG blocked hotel rooms at a special rate. Reserve yours by June 27.

Check out our Children's Program Info & Full Conference Schedule; we've got great sessions and activities planned for everyone!

Register Today!

Pssst --
If you can't make it to this conference, check out our local mini-conferences!
Co-sponsored by
Twice Exceptional Children's Advocacy (TECA) &
Molloy College Department of Social Work

Friday, May 18
Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY

Join SENG, TECA and Molloy College for an exciting day with expert speakers on giftedness and twice-exceptionality.

Speakers Include:
- LCSW and TECA Executive Director Maratea Cantarella,
- The Atlantic Literary Editor Ann Hulbert,
- Psychologist Dr. Devon MacEachron,
- SENG Executive Director Dr. Michael Postma, and
- TECA President Melissa Sornik.

Guests will be the first to view the new film 2e2: Teaching the Twice Exceptional from Director Tom Ropelewski!
It's your last chance to register for this weekend's mini-conference in Seattle!

Stay tuned for info on mini-conferences in Columbus, Ohio, and Lafayette, Louisiana!

**Special Announcement**

**Introducing Director of Development Jessica Mansmith, MNA**

Jessica joined SENG in 2018 with 25+ years in the independent sector and experience with nonprofits of all types: arts and culture, animal welfare, LGBTQ, health and wellness, human services, children and families, life coaching and more. Her skills include marketing, communications, board engagement, strategic planning, and operations. However, Jessica’s career has focused primarily on fundraising and development. Her expertise includes annual giving, major gifts, foundation grants, corporate gifts and sponsorships, capital campaigns, planned giving, endowments, and special events.

"I'm excited to join the wonderful people at SENG to help fulfill the social and emotional needs of the gifted," says Jessica. "I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together!"

Jessica holds a Master’s in Nonprofit Administration from the University of San Francisco and a Bachelor’s in English from the State University of New York at Albany. In her personal life, Jessica is a visual artist, world traveler, community volunteer and
Director's Corner

Call for Directors 2018
by Evelyn Metcalf

At some point during the SMPG Facilitator training I'd attended in 2012, I distinctly recall Sheri Plybon encouraging me to apply to serve on SENG's Board of Directors. "What? Me?" First of all, I'd never served on a board of any kind. Second of all, what expertise did I bring besides passion and a background in teaching gifted children?

Gifted and Learning Disabled: A Neuropsychologist’s Perspective
by Nadia Webb and Antara Dietrich

A neuropsychologist is not the first professional a family consults. I still spend time correcting people when they ask if I am a “Nurse/Psychologist.” Neuropsychologists work with neurologically-based behavior concerns such as problems with inattention, memory, planning, judgment, emotional regulation, and the like.

The Twice Exceptional: A Population Explosion?
by Michael Postma, Ed. D., SENG Executive Director

As I sat enjoying the Carolina sun sitting near our community pool last summer, I could not help but overhear a conversation between a mother and her husband regarding the educational dilemma facing their six-year-old son who, by the looks of things, was struggling to keep pace in his first grade classroom. You may brand me nosy but whenever I hear the word school, education and/or issues within the same sentence, my ears quickly gravitate toward the source of the vocalization.
Gifted & Underachieving: The Twice Exceptional Learner

by Melissa Sornik, LMSW

Jason, age 19, breezed through school with little effort until his last two years of high school. Disorganized with poor handwriting and a divergent learning style, he failed to hand in completed work in Honors and AP classes and so compromised his grades. Jason was accepted to college and despite having higher SAT scores than most of his freshman classmates, he was placed on probation. Then, he was sent home after his first semester. Read More

Spanish Language Corner

La sobre "excitabilidad" en los superdotados

by Sharon Lind
Con solo un poco de investigación exhaustiva y grandes dosis de observación realista se ha llegado a la conclusión de que la intensidad, sensibilidad y sobreexcitabilidad (traducción literal de la palabra inglesa “overexcitability”, a la que en siglas nos referiremos en este artículo como OE) son las características más importantes de los superdotados. 

Voices

Abstract Photography
by Ashley Gregory, Ashley G Studio

"I have been taking pictures since I was just a kid in middle school. I enjoy abstract art because I love to get lost in imagination. Being gifted can make you see and feel too much in the real world and getting lost in the abstract helps me escape from it."

Let your Voice be heard!
"Voices" shares creative works reflecting the gifted experience. SENG is currently accepting submissions from individuals of all ages, especially teens and young adults! Submit your art, poetry, essays, articles, and stories to: office@sengifted.org.

Program Calendar

Upcoming SENGinars
An Elder or Just Older: Being Gifted Throughout the Latter Years of Life
Presented by Dr. Ellen Fiedler and Dr. Michele Kane
May 10, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM EST

Commonly Seen Medical & Psychiatric Conditions In The Gifted, Talented & Twice-Exceptional
Presented by Dr. Archana Lal-Tabak, M.D. and Jim Lal-Tabak
May 17, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

Register
SENGConnect Support Group
Gifted Elders Series

All sessions are held online from 10 - 11:30 AM EDT! Facilitated by Heather Cachat and Kasi Peters.

May 19: Ellen Fiedler - Still Gifted After all These Years: Key Issues and Answers for Gifted Elders

June 2: Michele Kane - Mindfulness and the Gifted Elder

June 9: Joy Navan - Bucket Lists and Goal Setting for Gifted Elders

June 16: Maggie Brown - Naming, Living, and Growing Our Values as Gifted Elders


June 30: Heather Cachat and Kasi Peters: Final Thoughts

FREE Online Workshop

Walk Out of A Meeting Smiling? Provocative Teaming Ideas That Build Hope for 2e Students, Parents, and Educators

Speaker: Linda Collins
May 30, 7:00 PM EDT

Workshops

Using Improv Games to Increase Social-Emotional Skills
with Matthew Zakreski
April 30, 7 PM EDT

Bring on the Cringe: Talking to Gifted Kids about Sex Education
with Matthew Zakreski
Fostering Self-Compassion in Gifted Individuals
with Heather Boorman
May 14, 7 PM EDT

SENG Premier Members: ENROLL HERE for the above workshops.

Please note: to access the enrollment page, you must be logged out of all email addresses except for your SENG Connect email address. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working on establishing a better platform for our members.

If you're not yet a member, register today for access to professional online workshops on gifted issues!