### DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

## **HOOT Presents...**

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# Issues that Impact Individuals with Disabilities and

## **Community Supports Beyond the Classroom**

\*HOOT: Honoring
Outstanding Owl
Teachers
Expanding research
and practice to
prepare educators
for the future.

This colloquium will feature presentations from representatives from community resource agencies for children and families with disabilities across the lifespan.

#### **Center for Independent Living of South Florida**

Brian Johnson, Director of Programs and Administration

The mission of Center for Independent Living is to offer assistance to people with disabilities, regardless of age in fulfilling their goals of independence and self-sufficiency. The session will highlight the services and supports that Center for Independent Living provides to people with disabilities in the areas of housing, transportation, employment and physical access to public/private facilities.

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers (ARC)

Shawn Preston, MS, Director of Children's Services

Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers provides a continuum of services to thousands of children and adults with disabilities in various areas beyond the traditional educational setting. The session will describe the services and programs that impact the lives and celebrate the abilities of each individual's pursuit of independence.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)**

Elisa Cruz-Torres, M.Ed., BCBA, Clinical Support Specialist

The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities provides expert consulting, training and support for people with autism and related disabilities, their families and the professionals serving them. The session will highlight the community assistance that CARD provides with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities.

Room 115 College of Education (Boca)

## This event is open to all education majors.

This event is offered in fulfillment of a series of enrichment activities for the department's \*Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers (HOOT) program, an honors program within the exceptional student education major in the college of education. For more information about the HOOT program, contact the program coordinator, Dr. Sharon M. Darling (sdarlin4@fau.edu or 561.297.0807).