



**EMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**TITLE I SPRING 2014 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE**



**FOREST CITY ELEMENTARY  
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## **SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TITLE I DEPARTMENT**

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), or the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), was signed into law on January 8, 2002, and represents the most significant changes to educational policy in over 35 years. The law focuses on four principles:

- Expanded options for parents;
- Increased accountability for results;
- Instruction based on proven educational methods; and
- Increased flexibility and local control.

Title I is one of the largest sources of federal aid to Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS). The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education, and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments. Title I funds are also used to provide services to homeless children, children in local institutions for neglected and delinquent children, and to ensure that non-public school students, their parents, and teachers receive equitable services. Currently, 15 elementary schools, two middle schools, two special centers, and five non-public schools are receiving resources under Title I. Funds are also used for tutoring at two shelters for homeless families, Eugene Gregory Consequences Center, and Girls and Boys Town.

In addition to Title I, SCPS receives funding for the Title IV, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program (21st CCLC). The 21st CCLC program provides before- and after-school services to children and their families, including academic and personal enrichment activities designed to help students master academic standards in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science.

Finally, through a coordinated effort, the Families in Transition (FIT) Office and Title I support the education of homeless children and youth, including academic support and wrap-around services to assist students and families through their transition.

Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) receives an annual allocation of other federal dollars to provide resources to schools that have high percentages of children who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Those resources are used to improve student achievement through interventions, teacher training, and family engagement. Activities are aligned with the SCPS Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan, school wide Plans, and School Improvement Plans.

# SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TITLE I FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

## Program Overview

Research shows that family involvement in education is crucial. No matter their income or background, students with involved families are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school.

The Seminole County School District Title I Family Engagement program promotes the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that families share the schools' commitment to educational success for all students. We recognize that positive family engagement is essential to student achievement and we encourage parental involvement in school educational planning and operations.

## District Parent Advisory Team



The Title I District Parent Advisory Team (PAT) is a representation of parents/guardians and interested citizens who meet monthly to help in the planning, development, and implementation of the LEA Title I Family Engagement program. The participation of parents is an asset and an essential part of the District Family Engagement program. Parents, as advisors, supporters, and contributors can work to provide meaningful experiences for children.

If you would like to be a part of the Parent Advisory Team for the 2014-2015 school year, please go to [www.scpsfamily.weebly.com](http://www.scpsfamily.weebly.com) and click on the Parent Advisory Team button in the left margin of the page.

## SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Engagement Resource Center is located inside the Early Learning (Pre-K) Center at:

1101 South Bay Avenue

Sanford, FL 32771

(407) 320-3969

[www.scpsfamily.weebly.com](http://www.scpsfamily.weebly.com)

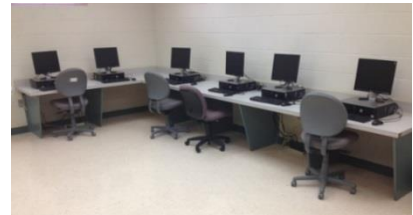


### Reading Oasis

The Family Engagement Center features a Scholastic Reading Oasis with more than 1,200 books and reading materials. The Oasis is a place where families can come and read together, listen to recorded readings, and check out literacy materials and educational games to use at home.

### Computer Lab

The computer lab is available for family and student use. Adults may use the lab to assist students with homework needs as well as for their own needs such as career searches or online class completion.



### Training Room

Family workshops and trainings will be held on site in the family classroom. Participants will learn and engage as they receive valuable tools to help their child be successful in school.

### Lending Library

The lending library will host a variety of material for check out and use at home. From games supporting the Common Core standards to parenting resources, the resource library will support families as they strive to become more actively engaged in their students' academic progress.



### Hours of Operation

The center is open for parent usage as follows:

Monday and Wednesday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:00am-6:00pm

Friday: 7:30am-3:00pm

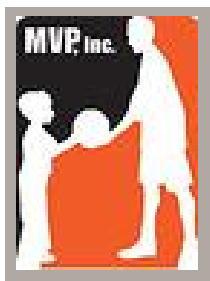
## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Jason Gilliam-Alexander



Jason Gilliam-Alexander received a B.A. in Sociology from Stetson University, was inducted into their Sports Hall of Fame and currently serves as CEO of Mentoring Valuable Protégés, Inc. A strong advocate of discipline, education, development, he uses sport as a tool to attract and better prepare youth for the rigors of adulthood. His professional interest focuses on redefining the learning, teaching and planning methodology for kids through mentoring in (5) core areas: Athletics, Academics, Career Development, Health & Wellness and Leadership. He directs through diversity: LAACHON Mentoring program, Do Good Feel Good Volunteer program, Skills Academy & Advanced Group Training Sports Skill Development program, Workshops, Camps & Clinics, each engineered to push his company's mission and initiatives.

Additionally, Jason serves as sponsor for the Lauderhill 6-12 STEM – MED Magnet School Engineering program, mentors young men and women through MVP's Community Service and Second Chance Programs while providing a platform for communities and corporations to share in its' development. He was recently honored by the Dwayne Wade's Wade World Foundation for volunteer work through their Wades Word Heroes Initiative, Switchboard of Miami as their 2103 Volunteerism Winner, and ProPops Foundation with their 2013 Dedication Award and named Legacy Magazine South Florida's 40 under 40 Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow for 2013.



[www.mvpinc.org](http://www.mvpinc.org)

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (PARENTS)

### OPENING SESSION: 9:30AM – 10:30AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks.....	Cyndi Mitchell Academic/Behavior Coach Forest City Elementary
National Anthem.....	Shawn Elliott, Student Sterling Park Elementary  Kaylin Elliott, Student Millennium Middle School
Recognition of Special Guests.....	Lisa Coffey Director of Title I Seminole County Public Schools
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Taucier Smalls-West Family Engagement Specialist Seminole County Public Schools
Keynote Address.....	Jason Gilliam Alexander Founder/CEO Mentoring Valuable Protégés, Inc.
Announcements.....	Cyndi Mitchell Taucier Smalls-West

### BREAKOUT SESSION 1: 10:30AM – 11:15AM

### BREAKOUT SESSION 2/1<sup>ST</sup> LUNCH: 11:30AM – 12:15PM

### BREAKOUT SESSION 3/2<sup>ND</sup> LUNCH: 12:30PM – 1:15PM

### BREAKOUT SESSION 4: 1:30PM – 2:15PM

### BREAKOUT SESSION 5: 2:30PM – 3:15PM

### CONFERENCE CLOSING: 3:15PM - 3:30PM



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (STUDENTS)

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Check In  
Designated Home Rooms

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Introductions/Group Activities  
Designated Home Rooms

**11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Positive Flow Show  
Auditorium

**12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch  
Outside

**1:00 p.m. -1:45 p.m.**

Activity	Group	Location
Outdoor Play	Ages 7 to 9	Playground
Zumba Kids	Ages 4 to 6	Room 015
What's on Your Plate Health and Nutrition Activity	Ages 10+	Room 005

**1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

Activity	Group	Location
Outdoor Play	Ages 10+	Playground
Zumba Kids	Ages 7 to 9	Room 015
What's on Your Plate Health and Nutrition Activity	Ages 4 to 6	Room 005

**2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Activity	Group	Location
Outdoor Play	Ages 4 to 6	Playground
Zumba Kids	Ages 10+	Room 015
What's on Your Plate Health and Nutrition Activity	Ages 7 to 9	Room 005

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Back to classroom for dismissal

## Student sessions provided by



The Positive Flow Programs educate K-12 youth and families to have a positive outlook on life and develop healthy, safe habits. We promote learning opportunities using Empowerment Sessions that inspire positive lifestyles, Group Mentoring to help with education and career goal, and Community Events that encourage helping others.

## The Positive Flow Show

60 Minutes of Motivational Entertainment

Music, Interactive Skits and Storytelling are used to focus on character improvement, peer pressure, self-esteem, the importance of education and other topics pertinent to improve lifestyles.



[WWW.POSITIVEFLOWFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.POSITIVEFLOWFOUNDATION.ORG)



## **ZUMBA KIDS**

**Provided by  
Tremendee Green  
Certified Zumba Instructor**



## **WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE**

**Presented by  
Jeanette White  
Owner/Operator  
Family Wellness Programs, Inc.**

## OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### Session 1: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Workshop Title	Room Number
Adult Education at Seminole State	206
Empowered Parents: How to Maximize Your Child's Reading Potential	012
Family and Youth Engagement	210
Five Simple Steps in the Home Buying Process	212
Health, Wellness, and Identifying Community Resources	209
IEP Jeopardy	014
Let's Get Involved! How to Volunteer in Your Student's School	011
S.A.F.E. Women's Self Defense and Crime Prevention Class	Media Center
Health and Wellness: Orthodontics	211
Identifying Community Resources	215

### Session 2: 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Workshop Title	Room Number
Common Core for Parents	206
Eliminating Bullying by Creating Confident Kids	210
Enriching the Learning Environment at Home	215
ePathways: Customized Learning for the 21st Century Student	012
Establishing and Repairing Credit	212
Every Child Ready to Read	Media Center
IEP Jeopardy	014
Let's Get Involved! How to Volunteer in Your Student's School	011
Stretch! Breathe! Relax!	010
What Every Parent Should Know About Bullying	209

### Session 3: 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Workshop Title	Room Number
Common Core for Parents	206
Eliminating Bullying by Creating Confident Kids	210
ePathways: Customized Learning for the 21st Century Student	012
Establishing and Repairing Credit	212
Every Child Ready to Read	Media Center
Homework Without the Headaches	014
Math at Home: Tips and Strategies for Parents to Reinforce Math Skills	211
Self-Compassion Rather than Self Esteem: A Healthier Psychological Approach to Help your Kids Increase Resilience, Motivation, Positive Emotions, and Success in their Life	215
What Every Parent Should Know About Bullying	209
Providing Parents with Behavior Strategies for Challenging Children	011

## OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP SESSIONS (continued)

### Session 4: 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Workshop Title	Room Number
A 21st Century Martial Arts Program	011
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Homework Without the Headaches	014
How to Maximize Your Child's Opportunities Both in School and in Life	012
Keeping Contact	206
Raising Readers	210
Reading at Home	212
Reading to Make Connections	209
The Impact of Involved Fathers	211

### Session 4: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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Reading at Home	212
Reading to Make Connections	209
The Impact of Involved Fathers	211
A 21st Century Martial Arts Program	011
Homework Without the Headaches	014
Keeping Contact	206
Positive Behavior Supports in the Home	012

## ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF WORKSHOP SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### **Adult Education at Seminole State College (10:30 a.m.)**

*Liz Lawson, School of Academic Foundations*

*Seminole State College*

Seminole State College offers two opportunities for students to earn a High School diploma. Come and learn about the Adult High School and GED Prep programs offered at Seminole State College and find out how you or someone you know could benefit from these amazing programs!

### **A 21st Century Martial Arts Program (1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.)**

*Morrision Johnson, Instructor/Owner*

*David C. Turnbull, Founder*

*D.C. Turnbull's Martial Arts*

D.C. Turnbull's Martial Arts has a comprehensive program developed for today's 21st century lifestyle and challenges. Participants will learn how participating in martial arts can establish discipline, confidence, and leadership in their children.

### **Common Core for Parents (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)**

*Patti Reda, Literacy Coach*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

Florida has adopted new standards, called Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. This will impact the way children are taught, how they learn, and how they will be assessed. This workshop will help parents to understand what their child is expected to know at each grade level and give them tools and strategies to help reinforce learning in the home.



**Eliminating Bullying by Creating Confident Kids (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)**

*Marty L. Ward, Success Coach/Trainer*

*Top Leaders Academy*

The Bully-ed to Boss Empowerment Program teaches simple, straightforward steps that de-escalate bullying, while developing both the bully and bullied child's sense of self-worth. Parents will learn how to TAG Kids for Success™ using a unique proprietary system that is part of the system of Eliminating Bullying by Creating Confident Kids. Parents will leave knowing how to teach children how to transform their feelings of anger and overwhelmed into constructive actions and feelings of Insecurity and Not Good Enough into feeling Secure and Confident in who they are. Parents learn how to create an atmosphere of co-operation and effective communication so that both the Bully and Bully-ed feel safe and secure.

**Empowered Parents: How to Maximize Your Child's Reading Potential (10:30 a.m.)**

*Anjanette McGee-Cason, Parent/Child Find Specialist*

*FDLRS (Florida's Diagnostic Learning Resource System) Action Orlando*

Parents will learn the importance of incorporating non-fiction/informational books in their child's home reading library and how they play a role in state assessments. Parents will also learn strategies that will assist their child in reading by learning about Higher Order Thinking Questions. They will be able to deepen their understanding of Florida Standards for reading, educational websites, apps and much more!



**Enriching the Learning Environment at Home (11:30 a.m.)**

*Raisa Pérez-Sifonte, ESOL Instructional Coach and Parent Liaison*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

This Bilingual (Spanish-English) interactive presentation will show how altering the home environment in line with their child's learning style provides a practical and effective way to enrich the learning environment. Participants will learn about multiple intelligences.

**ePathways: Customized Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)**

*Stephanie Hise, Teacher on Assignment*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

ePathways is a district wide initiative to provide customized learning to all students while preparing them to be globally competitive in the 21st century economy. In this workshop families will learn about the many options for personalized learning within SCPS ranging from afterschool learning opportunities at both the elementary and high school level to programs of emphasis that provide structured study strands centered on career pathways. Come learn about the many exciting opportunities for innovative learning through ePathways in SCPS!

**Establishing and Repairing Credit (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)**

*Denise Smalls, Money Sense Program Coordinator  
Goodwill Industries of Central Florida*

Are you avoiding bill collectors? Do you have bad credit or no credit? Are you afraid to see your credit report? Then this session is for you!! This session will teach you how to establish and repair credit. What should you do about bill collectors and why it is important to not only look at your credit report but how to fix it once you receive it. You will also learn how to view your credit report for FREE!!

**Every Child Ready to Read (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)**

*LaShawn B. Smith, Youth Services Librarian  
Seminole County Public Library Services*

This workshop will promote early Literacy Skills. Attendees will learn to use the 5 literacy skills of: reading, talking, writing, singing and playing and learn how to make reading a fun and exciting learning experience through story time.



**Family and Youth Engagement (10:30 a.m.)**

*Crystal Lilly  
Verlese Pender  
Pam Davis*

The Federation of Families of Central Florida, Youth MOVE, and Wraparound Seminole are partner organizations who all work together on a children's mental health initiative. In this workshop, parents will learn what each of these organizations are doing in the community, how to access their services, and how they work together to empower families.

**Five Simple Steps in the Home Buying Process (10:30 a.m.)**

*Shanika Preston, Mortgage Banker  
BMO Harris Bank*

This engaging and informative seminar will remove the intimidation and mystery from the home buying process. Attendees will be taken through the 5 simple steps involved in purchasing a home from application to closing.

**Health & Wellness: Orthodontics (10:30 a.m.)**

*Dr. Travis A. Weeks, Orthodontist  
Smith & Weeks Orthodontic Specialists*

Take an educational adventure into the world of the Orthodontic needs of children. This presentation and discussion will center on the when's, what's, and the whys as it relates to the orthodontic development of children.



**Health, Wellness, and Identifying Community Resources (10:30 a.m.)**

*Maria Rivadeneyra, Health Educator*

*Florida Department of Health in Seminole County*

This presentation will discuss strategies to protect future generations from tobacco abuse. Presenters will increase public awareness regarding the hazards of tobacco use and abuse and to inform parents of the business strategies that the tobacco industry utilizes to acquire young customers. Parents will learn strategies that promote healthy lifestyle habits for their children as it relates to tobacco prevention.

**Homework Without the Headaches (12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.)**

*Brenda Knight, Behavior Interventionist*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

Homework reinforces lessons taught in class, teaches self-discipline, and helps to maintain the school-home connection. This workshop answers parents' questions, including how to get children organized for homework, helping with projects, reading, math, and more! The workshop covers common homework challenges—frustration, forgetfulness, procrastination, time management—and gives parents strategies they can use to help their children be successful.



**How to Maximize Your Child's Opportunities both in School and Life (1:30 p.m.)**

*Brian Cross, Founder*

*The Disabled Uplifting the Unabled*

This presentation will focus on parent strategies for developing student leaders, equipping them with the skills they need to excel and reach their maximum potential both in school and in life. The speaker will help parents to focus on quality versus quantity of time spent with their children and how making the most of that time will give children the fortitude to deflect negative influences.

**Identifying Community Resources (10:30 a.m.)**

*Jania Fuller, F.I.T. Social Worker*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

The Families in Transition Program was established to serve the educational needs of children in the Seminole County Public School System who are considered homeless. In this workshop session, participants will learn how the Families in Transition program works to ensure family stability and student success in school.

**IEP Jeopardy (10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.)**

*Anna Brynild, Central IEP Coach*

*Lyn Cyr, Central IEP Coach*

*Central Florida Parent Center*

The Central Florida Parent Center is a federally funded Parent Training & Information Center (PTI). In Florida, children in public schools who have special learning needs because of a disability are called *exceptional students*. We provide assistance to parents of children with disabilities to understand the special education process. Our role is supportive and our goal is always to assist in creating and maintaining positive and collaborative relationships. Enjoy yourself and learn in this fun and interactive presentation in which your host takes you through the fast-paced game of IEP Jeopardy. Categories include: What's the Big IDEA, Evaluation and Eligibility, the IEP Meeting, Paperwork, Goals, and Finding Solutions.

**Keeping Contact (1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.)**

*Dr. Rosalie Cook*

*Family Mediation*

The primary purpose of this presentation is to encourage and provide inspirational parenting techniques and tools that can be used by parents of both elementary and middle school children.

**Let's Get Involved! How to Volunteer in Your Student's School (10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.)**

*Misa Mills, Manager*

*Community Involvement and Dividends/RSVP Volunteer Programs*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

SCPS Community Involvement will present the importance of volunteering in your student's school. We will discuss guidelines and opportunities for Parent Involvement. Presentation will also include partnerships with RSVP, United Way and How to Register as a Dividends.

**Math at Home: Tips and Strategies for Parents to Reinforce Math Skills (12:30 p.m.)**

*Amanda Baptist, Mathematics Coach*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

Parents will be exposed to a multitude of fun and engaging ways that they can reinforce math skills in the home. Parents will receive take home activities that they can implement immediately to help their child at home with Math.



**Positive Behavior Supports in the Home (2:30 p.m.)**

*Adrian Fuller, Behavior Specialist*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Students is widely used in Seminole County as the framework for its Positive Behavior Support system. In this workshop, parents will learn how to implement positive behavior supports in the home that, when consistently followed, will assist in developing desirable habits and behaviors in their children.

**Providing Parents with Behavior Strategies for Challenging Children (12:30pm)**

*Cyndi Mitchell, Academic/Behavior Coach*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

This presentation will include a discussion of challenging behaviors that some children exhibit either at home or in school. Parents will be provided with behavior strategies for specific types of issues, as well as temperaments of individual children. There will be an open forum discussion with an opportunity for parents to talk about their specific child's challenging behaviors and get feedback about what they can try to help modify some of these behaviors.

**Raising Readers (1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.)**

*Ann Lee*

*Scholastic Book Fairs*

This workshop will help families explore how learning to read begins at home and the important role they play in inspiring the love of reading in their children. Learn fun, interactive activities and strategies on how families can select "right-fit" books with their children.

**Reading at Home (1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.)**

*Erika Shanoff, Literacy Coach*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

Reading is a fundamental skill that directly affects every aspect of a child's education. A love of reading begins at home. This seminar will review working with your child to find a right fit book and strategies for reading together at home. We will also review comprehension strategies that work for improving reading understanding in all content areas.

**Reading to Make Connections 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.)**

*Dr. Xhuljeta Gjini, Reading Coach*

*Seminole County Public Schools*

This workshop will share reading strategies with parents that will empower them to support their children in improving comprehension skills.



**S.A.F.E. Women's Self-Defense and Crime Prevention Class (10:30 a.m.)**

*Sergeant Mark DiBona, S.A.F.E. Women's Self Defense Program Coordinator*

*Jan Pizzurro, S.A.F.E. Women's Self Defense Program Coordinator*

*Seminole County Sheriff's Office*

S.A.F.E. (Self Awareness and Familiarization Exchange) is a Crime Prevention Program that is designed to help women and teenaged girls make smarter choices in order to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Participants will learn how to increase their awareness and develop a plan of action to limit exposure and remove the opportunity of becoming a victim.

**Self-Compassion Rather than Self Esteem: A Healthier Psychological Approach to Help your Kids Increase Resilience, Motivation, Positive Emotions, and Success in their Life (12:30 p.m.)**

*Coralis Solomon, Registered Mental Health Counselor*

*Quiet Minds Counseling*

Recent research suggests the focus on self-esteem is distracting parents from imparting a far more important life skill to their children: self-compassion. This practice appears to offer most of the benefits of self-esteem without the potential drawbacks. Self-esteem has recently been linked to a number of mental health problems, including narcissism and emotional fragility. Parents will learn how the practice of self-compassion can foster warmth toward oneself, as sense of connection to others, better communication with others, and healthier thought patterns.

**Stretch! Breathe! Relax! (11:30 a.m.)**

*Sher're Myers, Instructor/Owner*

*Total Wellness Institute, Inc.*

Stress is a very real issue for both adults and children alike. It is generally believed that the capacity to cope with stress has far reaching implications with respect to emotional well-being and self-control, necessary attributes for the emotional development and academic success of our children. In this workshop, presenters will discuss and demonstrate simple stretching and breathing techniques, which when practiced regularly, can increase our ability to deal with stress and/or toxic emotions.

**The Impact of Involved Fathers (1:30 p.m.,  
2:30 p.m.)**

*Brian White, Creative Director*

*Baruti Abdallah-Nosakhere, Events Coordinator  
Positive Flow Foundation*

This workshop will explore the importance of having a father involved in a child's life. Presenters will discuss how involved fathers can be vital in character building, self-identity, teaching respect, teaching how to love, and the overall success of their children. The workshop will additionally explore the importance of family cooperation in order for everyone in the family to be successful.



**Volunteer to Career (Keynote Address)**

**Jason Gilliam Alexander**

**Mentoring Valuable Protégés**

This keynote presentation will illustrate how youth can achieve a head start on their career paths thorough volunteering in areas of their passion, talent, and interest. Volunteerism, education, internship, graduation then employment can be a winning formula for youth!

**What Every Parent Should Know About Bullying (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)**

*Arnold L. Nussbaum, Guardian Ad Litem*

*Seminole County 18th Circuit Court*

This presentation takes a look at different types of bullying, how they can affect our kids, and how they can be prevented and dealt with. Parents will leave with multiple strategies to assist them in becoming active participants in the prevention of bullying.

**What Is CARD and Other Supports for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (1:30 p.m.)**

*Jennifer Cicia, Coordinator*

*University of Central Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)*

UCF CARD is a state funded agency that provides consultative services and training opportunities for individuals with autism and related disabilities as well as their families and the professionals that support them. This session will provide an overview of the services provided by UCF CARD and who is eligible to register. The presenter will also discuss other local low and no-cost supports for individuals on the autism spectrum.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Thanks to Forest City Elementary and Principal Tony Arenas for serving as the host school for the Spring 2014 Family and Community Engagement Conference! Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who freely gave of their time and energy to make this event a success. Finally, we would like to extend a special thanks to all presenters and exhibitors for making this conference possible. Your dedication to the well-being of the families of Seminole County is recognized and truly appreciated!

## **PRESENTER AND EXHIBITOR DIRECTORY**

Adult Literacy League  
Arnie Nussbaum, Guardian Ad Litem  
BMO Harris Bank  
Central Florida Parent Center  
Community Connections of Central Florida  
D.C. Turnbull's Martial Arts  
Family Mediation  
FDLRS Action Orlando  
Federation of Families of Central Florida  
Great Start Pathways to Success  
Goodwill Industries of Central Florida  
Mentoring Valuable Protégés, Inc.  
Parent Choice Games  
Positive Flow Foundation  
Quiet Minds Counseling  
Real Life Christian Church  
Scholastic Book Fairs  
Seminole County Health Department  
Seminole County Library Services  
Seminole County Public Schools: Community Involvement  
Seminole County Public Schools: ESOL Department  
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Seminole County Public Schools: Families in Transition Program  
Seminole County Public Schools Teachers and Staff  
Seminole County Sheriff's Office  
Seminole State College  
Sher're Myers & Sharmila Khanorkar  
Smith and Weeks Orthodontics  
StayWell  
The Disabled Uplifting the Enabled  
Top Leaders Academy  
Total Wellness Institute  
University of Central Florida CARD  
University of Central Florida Marriage and Family Research Institute  
Wraparound Seminole  
Youth MOVE







