



## **Tentative Georgia Vision Educators State-Wide Consortia Agenda**

February 17, 2011

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Kathy Segers- State Consultant -Visual Impairments**

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**Host Site- Dalton State University- Facilitator-Pam Gossett/April Gillilan**

**Broadcasting to ETC's at**

**Albany State College-** Southwest Georgia Consortia- Kathy Parrish- Facilitator  
**Armstrong Atlantic State University-**Coastal Consortia- Johanna Williams- Facilitator  
**Kennesaw State College-** North Metro Consortia- Tamara Greenwood- Facilitator  
**Macon State University-** Middle Georgia consortia- Zel Murray- Facilitator  
**National Science Center-**Augusta Area Consortia- Kathy Williams- Facilitator  
**Pioneer RESA-**North Georgia Consortia- Rose Barton- Facilitator  
**UGA Gwinnett-**Metro Atlanta Consortia- Suzan Pattillo- Facilitator  
**West Georgia RESA-** South Metro Consortia- Kay DiPlacido- Facilitator  
**Valdosta State College-**South Georgia Consortia- Laura Hansen- Facilitator

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**9:00 -9:15-**Welcome - Kathy Segers- Program Specialist- Visual Impairments- Georgia Department of Education

1. Audio/ Video Check
2. Housekeeping
3. PLU's

**9:15-9:30-**Georgia Lions Club Camp for the Blind- Ed Ressler <http://www.glcb.org/camp.php>

**9:30-9:45-**Upcoming Events and Opportunities - Kathy Segers

1. **GVEST 2011-** October 5-7, 2011- Georgia Academy for the Blind-**SAVE THE DATE!**
2. **Georgia Regional Braille Challenge 2012-** January 26, 2012-GAB-**SAVE THE DATE!**
3. **Updated Special Education Implementation Manual-Part 1- Available at**  
[http://www.gadoe.org/DMGetDocument.aspx/Sp\\_Ed\\_Implementation\\_Manual\\_Part\\_1\\_revised\\_2-1-11.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F6DD4E3B07F33BF9404353EC4995A1AE1CE76096A5106EA672&Type=D](http://www.gadoe.org/DMGetDocument.aspx/Sp_Ed_Implementation_Manual_Part_1_revised_2-1-11.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F6DD4E3B07F33BF9404353EC4995A1AE1CE76096A5106EA672&Type=D)
4. **On-line Transition Training (iTran)** The GaDOE is collaborating with the University of Kansas (KU) to provide online training opportunities that will prepare secondary educational personnel to provide special education and transition services to students with disabilities. The KU project, iTran, will provide a 15-hour graduate endorsement program in transition. Online coursework will be offered in order to reach pre-service and practicing secondary educators from across Georgia and six other states. KU iTran, in conjunction with a grant from the United States Department of Education, will provide scholarships that support teachers in acquiring a transition endorsement from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC). Information regarding the application may be found at <http://transitioncoalition.org/transition/section.php?pageId=180>
5. **Expanded Core Curriculum for Students Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ECC-DHH)**  
[http://gadoe.org/ci\\_exceptional.aspx?PageReq=CIEXCDeafHH](http://gadoe.org/ci_exceptional.aspx?PageReq=CIEXCDeafHH) Frank Nesbit- 404-844-8741 or [fnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:fnesbit@doe.k12.ga.us).

6. **Georgia CEC State Conference**-February 25-26, 2011-Classic Center- Athens, GA [www.gacec.org](http://www.gacec.org)
7. **Exceptional Children's Week- March 7-11, 2011- "Celebrating Diversity"**- Contact Irene Fries at [friesi@troup.org](mailto:friesi@troup.org)  
706-302-9677
8. **Georgia AER** -Ava Carruth- President [acarruth40@att.net](mailto:acarruth40@att.net)- <http://gaaer.aerbvi.org/>  
**GA AER Spring Workshop-Getting Up to Speed with GPS**- March 12, 2011- 8:45-4:00 Georgia E. Rivers Elementary School 8 Peachtree Battle Ave. NW Atlanta, GA 30305(See handouts).
9. **Georgia Statewide Coalition for the Blind**-Alice Ritchhart - [alice.ritchhart@comcast.net](mailto:alice.ritchhart@comcast.net)  
April 30, 2011-Savannah- 9-4. Location TBA
10. **Georgia Council of the Blind**-Bill Holley – President [www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org](http://www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org)  
[gcbill850@yahoo.com](mailto:gcbill850@yahoo.com)  
**GCB State Convention**- August 13, 2011- Carrollton, GA -  
**Georgia Council of the Blind Scholarship Program**- <http://georgiacounciloftheblind.org/scholarship.aspx>
11. **National Federation of the Blind of Georgia**  
**Georgian's Empowered Through Mentoring Success (GEMS) and Blindness Education Training and Advocacy (BETA) youth Programs**  
**NFB Youth Slam**- July 17-23, 2011-Towson, MD (Applications due March 1, 2011)- Garrick Scott- National Federation of the Blind Georgia (NFBGA) [www.nfbga.org](http://www.nfbga.org) [gscott@nfbga.org](mailto:gscott@nfbga.org) (See Handouts)  
**Link to Blind Driver Project** - .  
**National Federation of the Blind National Convention**- July 3-8, 2011- Orlando, FL- [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)
12. **GPAT Summer Institute**- Vision Impaired Strand- Millie Smith- using the APH Sensory Learning Kit to Conduct Learning Media Assessments on Young Children and Students with more Significant Cognitive Impairments. Dates and location TBA. Contact Gina Gelinias [ggelinias@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:ggelinias@doe.k12.ga.us) [www.gpat.org](http://www.gpat.org)
13. **Savannah Association for the Blind Update**- Tammy Johnson- **Administrative Assistant/Alexis Donkar-Low Vision Coordinator** [www.sabinc.org](http://www.sabinc.org) [tjohnson@sabinc.org](mailto:tjohnson@sabinc.org) [adonkar@sabinc.org](mailto:adonkar@sabinc.org) 912-236-4473
14. **APH 20<sup>th</sup> Annual INSIGHTS Juried Art Competition- "Visions From the Mind"**-Deadline for Entry March 21, 2011. (See Handouts).
15. **Tenative Week-End with the Experts (Cost \$15.00 to cover lunch and snacks- Cash only). All WWE will be at GAB. Lodging is available in the cottages. You can also find your lodging on your own if you like. Registration forms will be available on the GIMC Website in the near future.**

**May 6-7, 2011- The Expanded Core Curriculum: Assessment and Specialized Instruction for Students with Visual Impairments- Karen Blankenship- Assistant Profession of the Practice- Vanderbilt University- Peabody College**

16. **Georgia's National Agenda**-Meeting today at 1:00

**9:45-10:00- Georgia Academy for the Blind Update**- Dorothy Arensman-School Director

**10:00-10:15- Georgia PINES –Kit Meaders- INSITE/VIISA Coordinator**

**INSITE Training**- June 13-16, and July 11-14.

**SKI HI Training** -July 6-9 and July 18-21.

We offer VIISA over 2 weekends in the Fall. Those dates have not been set and VIISA training is only open to those who have already been INSITE trained and work for us. Dates and info about training is posted on our website at [www.gapines.info](http://www.gapines.info)

**Georgia PINES/25<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia PINES/GSAP Family Workshop and Sibshop**

**March 5, 2011- Georgia Academy for the Blind (See handouts)**

**10:15-10:30-Georgia Instructional Materials Center Update**- Jim Downs-Program Manager

APH Registration and Ordering Guidelines .

**10:30-10:45- Smokey Powell Assistive technology Update-** Pam Zipperer Joiner- Director [pjoiner@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pjoiner@doe.k12.ga.us)

Short Course Weekend—April 8-10, 2011

Summer Short Course Week—June 12-17, 2011—Julliard Jazz Week and ECC Week Running Concurrently!

**10:45-11:00- Center for the Visually Impaired STARS Program-**Summer Camp Program—404-602-4371-Teri Quinn/Anisio Correia

**11:00-12:00-** The Expanded Core Curriculum: The Specialized Instruction that Teachers of the Visually Impaired Provide.

**12:00-1:00-** Lunch on your own

**1:00-4:00-**Meet back at the ETC where you had consortia for the National Agenda Taskforce Meeting.

Georgia National Agenda Meeting- Karen Blankenship, Ph.D.- Assistant Professor of the Practice- Vanderbilt University- Peabody College. National Agenda Project Leader. Separate Agenda will be provided for National Agenda.