

17TH ANNUAL  
MICHIGAN  
POHI/SXI  
CONFERENCE



Thursday • October 1 • 1998

*Visitations & Keynote Address*  
and

Friday • October 2 • 1998

*Featured Speakers & Focus Groups*

Marriott Courtyard at Plaza Tower  
(Downtown Grand Rapids)

Grand Rapids, Michigan



*Committee Members*

*Sandy Allers*

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Teacher, SXI/SMI

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**Featured Speakers**

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**Jacquelyn Thompson, Ph.D.**  
Director  
Office of Special Education  
and  
Early Information Services

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**General Session**

**Friday • October 2 • 1998  
AM**

**Sharon LaPointe, J.D.**  
**LaPointe and Associates**  
**Okemos, Michigan**

**General Session**

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PM**

**Lynn Sweeney**  
Sweeney Communications  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

**Sandra Laham, Ph.D.**  
Laham Learning Associates  
Rochester, Michigan

**Ron Zapinski**  
Bovenschen School  
Macomb ISD  
and  
**Robert Erlandson, Ph.D.**  
Wayne State University

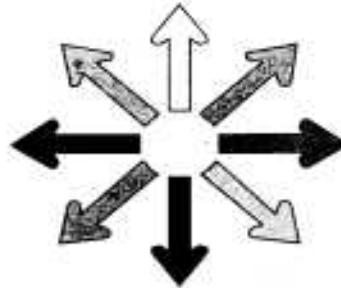
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**Focus Groups**

1. **Medical Issues**
  - Sandy Beiter, R.N., B.S.N., C.S.N.  
Kalamazoo Regional Educational  
Service Agency
2. **Innovations in Assistive Technology**
  - Ron Zapinski & Robert Erlandson, Ph.D.
3. **IDEA '97**
  - Julie Winkelstern  
Forest Hills Public Schools
4. **Inclusion Techniques That Work**
  - Sandy Allers  
Forest Hills Public Schools

The Focus Groups provide an opportunity to share ideas, ask questions in a topic-centered networking format.



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**Target Audience**

We cordially invite all individuals working with students with physical or health impairments, and students with multiple disabilities, including teachers, paraprofessionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, administrators, social workers and health care professionals.

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**Schedule**

**Thursday • October 1 • 1998**

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. *Front of Hotel Bus Tour and Lunch*  
4-6:30 p.m. *Conference Registration*  
8:30 p.m.-? *Afterglow*

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**Friday • October 2 • 1998**

7:30-8:15 a.m. *Registration*  
8:30-10:30 a.m. *Legal Issues*  
• Sharon LaPointe  
10:30-10:45 a.m. *Break*  
10:45 a.m.-12 noon *Focus Groups*  
(Choose one.)

**1. Medical Issues**

- Sandy Beiter, R.N.

**2. Innovations in Assistive Technology**

- Ron Zapinski & Robert Erlandson

**3. IDEA '97**

- Julie Winkelstern

12:15-1 p.m. **Conference Lunch**

1:15-3:30 p.m. **General Session**  
(Choose one.)

**A. Learned Dependency**

- Lynn Sweeney

**B. Social Skill Streaming**

- Sandra Laham

**C. Innovations in Assistive Technology**

- Ron Zapinski & Robert Erlandson

**Vendors available  
all day Friday.**

**Registration**

**1998 Michigan POHI/SXI  
Professional Development Conference**  
(This form may be duplicated.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

School District/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age/Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend:  Thursday • Oct. 1  Friday • Oct. 2

Focus Group (circle your choice):      1      2      3

Afternoon Speakers:                              A      B      C

Pre-registration deadline: September 25 • 1998.

On-site registration accepted.

Send registration, \$55 conference fee and \$12 Thursday  
tour and lunch payable to:

POHI Conference Committee • Mary Sue Rischer •  
7826 Wendy Lane • Portage, MI 49024

Student teachers pay only \$10/conference & \$12/tour.

Cash, check, charge card or money order only!

No purchase orders!

Card \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Any general information ??: Sandy Allers • (616) 493-8770  
Any visitations ??: Sue Green • (616) 235-3535

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## Map



**Courtyard Marriott**  
11 Monroe NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 242-6000 or 800-321-2211  
FAX: (616) 242-6605

Call for reservations and identify yourself as a Michigan POHI/SXI Conference attendee.

Rooms will be held for reservations until September 9, 1998.

## Parking Lots

\*Parking available in lot adjacent to hotel. Requires \$5 token (available at hotel desk). Also city ramps: Louis Campau Parking Ramp - see above.