The Problem with Behaviour Problems: Supporting Students with Autism & Other Disabilities

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Inclusion Alberta invites school and district leaders, teachers, consultants, policy makers, school board members and educational assistants to hear from this distinguished educator and inclusive education leader.



Workshop

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Presenter: Paula Kluth, Ph.D., educator, author and consultant

Come and explore fresh ways to think about "behavior problems" in inclusive schools. We will examine where problems come from, who "owns" them, and how our language and approaches can both create behavior struggles and minimize them. We will discuss how educators can avoid challenging moments by listening, teaching, collaborating, including and thinking out of the box. Specific strategies that will be highlighted include video modeling, building on strengths, and encouraging movement.

Presenter

Dr. Paula Kluth is a consultant, author, advocate, and independent scholar who works with teachers and families to provide inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities and to create more responsive and engaging schooling experiences for all learners. She is a former K-12 special educator who has served as a classroom teacher, co-teacher, and inclusion facilitator. Paula has also been a university professor and has taught courses on both inclusion and disability studies. Most recently, Paula's work has centered on helping teachers and administrators educate all students in their schools and classrooms. She also frequently works with families and advocacy groups to support goals related to inclusion. In addition to inclusive education, her professional interests include Universal Design for Learning, co-teaching, and educating students with complex support needs.

All In: 18 Ways to Include All Students in Virtual Classrooms is Paula's newest book. She is also the author or co-author of 15 other titles including <u>Universal Design Daily, 30 Days to the Co-Taught Classroom, Don't We Already Do Inclusion?</u>, and "You're Going to Love This Kid!": Teaching Students with Autism in Inclusive <u>Classrooms</u>. She is also the author of a few books for children including <u>Coaster</u>, a story of a puppy with wonderful wheels.

Paula has won several awards in her field. She is the recipient of the PEAK Parent Center's Ally for Inclusion Award; The PEAL [Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership] Center's Inclusive Education Champion Award; The National Down Syndrome Congress's Educator of the Year; The Belle Center of Chicago's Inclusion Advocate of the Year; and the University of Wisconsin's "Forward Under 40" Award.

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