

Experts inspire professionals and parents to better understand “The Oppositional Child”



When Ball Memorial Hospital offered a four-part series titled “The Oppositional Child,” professionals and parents around the state were able to connect with experts in the field of child psychology, counseling psychology, and special education. Vision Athena allowed teachers, counselors, nurses, and parents access to valuable information, overcoming barriers of time, money, and distance.

The participants in the series found the experience enlightening and helpful. They appreciated learning about strategies and resources to help them better understand and more

effectively communicate with oppositional children. They gained important insights as real-world situations were discussed through the Q & A following the presentations.

The one-hour sessions, offered at times convenient for participants, successfully connected experts with those desiring to gain expertise in order to be more effective in their roles with “the oppositional child.”

Impact on learning

- Stimulated a desire for more information and learning about the subject matter.
- Provided valuable information regarding drug interaction and use, effective behavioral strategies, and helpful resources.
- Empowered regular education teachers who have not had the benefit of specialized study that special education instructors have.
- Gave teachers and health care professionals alike new understanding of the students and patients they work with, or confirmation of their current practices.

Event Stats:

Number of participating sites 23
Number of participating experts 4

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“The presenters were excellent. It was useful to learn about diagnosis and medication issues. I can pass this info on to parents who might need it.”

– Social Worker, University Elementary School, Bloomington

