

**The Special Programs Department of Comal ISD**

**Presents**

**A Parent Mini-Summit**

~A follow up to the Parent/Community Summit designed with parents in mind~

**Evening Schedule**

6:15 – District Parent Advisory Committee meeting

6:30 – Special Education Agency Night

6:30 – Break out Sessions (pick one of four)

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 6:15 – 8:30

Canyon High School \* 1510 IH 35 North \* New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Translators and child care are available with reservations. Contact Jamie Ezell, Parent/Community Liaison, [jamie.ezell@comalisd.org](mailto:jamie.ezell@comalisd.org) 830-221-2169

**Light Refreshments will be provided**

**Laws You Should Know** Judge Charles Stephens

Information will be presented for parents, young adults, and teenagers about specific criminal laws which affect them the most and how they affect them. i.e. DWI, Possession, DUI, etc., the potential jail sentence, a conviction on your resume for life, driver's license suspensions and other related impacts on daily life. Bonus information for parents at the end of the program.

**Helping Your Child Plan for the Future in Uncertain Times** Aimee R. Victoria, M. Ed.

With a global economic crisis and a shifting U.S. job market, how can you help your child prepare for a bright future in the midst of such uncertainty? Come to this session to learn about which job markets are predicted to see sustained growth, how to use your school's career assessments to help determine which jobs might be appropriate for your child, and how higher education and technical/vocational schools, and the federal financial aid system are responding to the situation. Learn how to see incredible opportunity in the midst of uncertainty!

**Lend an Ear- And So Much More: Becoming Your Child's Reading Coach** Lori McDonald, CISD Early Childhood Instructional Specialist

Reading time at home will never be the same after attending this workshop! Come find out how you can help your child become a better reader by becoming his/her reading coach. During this session, you will learn how to identify books that are appropriate for your child's reading level, activities to do prior to reading the book, reading strategies to help your child when stuck on a difficult word, and how to check your child's comprehension that goes beyond just asking questions about the story. Help your child become a better reader—become a Reading Coach! Intended target audience- parents with beginning readers (K-2), parents of struggling readers (3-4)

**Summer Fun with your Children** Parent Support Specialist Staff: Laura Flint, Mary Cuellar, Shari Tucker, Sandi Laxson, & Sharon LeSturgeon

This presentation will provide you with a summer full of activities for your child and/or the whole family no matter what your budget may be. Come see and hear about the fun you can experience this summer.

**Special Education Agency Night** Come browse through the area to speak with organizations and service programs to become more informed and enlightened of services that may be helpful as you care for your special needs child or young adult.

Any Baby Can

My Friends House

Connections

CAMP

Met Life

SAILS

ARCIL

Crisis Center of New Braunfels

Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County

DSHS

Advantage Care

R&K Specialized Services

CRCG

AETNA Medicaid & CHIP

Texas Workforce

UTSA Disability Services

Other agencies as available.