



WEBINAR: Part #2: Social Skills Assessment: Foundation for Instruction

Facilitator(s):	Sharon Sacks
Date:	May 08, 2019
Time:	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Cost:	No charge
Location:	Virtual
Type:	Webinar
Session Code:	19-IE-357

Target Audience

Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired and Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Speech Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists working with BVI students

Also Recommended For

Parents

About this Learning Opportunity

Dr. Sacks will explore foundational beliefs and strategies around essential social skills to students with visual impairments.

About the Facilitator(s)

Dr. Sacks is recently retired from her post as Superintendent of the California School for the Blind. During her tenure, Dr. Sacks led a staff of 150 and promoted education excellence for students served on campus and through outreach programs throughout the state. Prior to her role as superintendent, Dr. Sacks was the Director of Curriculum, Assessment, & Staff Development at CS. After receiving her doctorate, Sharon coordinated programs, and was a university professor in moderate/sever disabilities at San Jose State University, and programs in visual impairments at California State University, Los Angeles. Dr. Sacks worked as a TVI for eight years as a resource and itinerant teacher prior to assuming leadership positions.

She has conducted research, presented nationally and internationally, and published widely in the areas of social skills instruction for students with visual impairments, psycho-social implications of visual impairment, transition programming for students with visual impairments, and strategies to educate students with visual impairments and multiple disabilities. Dr. Sacks has provided consultation, assessment, and program evaluation services to schools and agencies serving children and adults with visual impairments.

Dr. Sacks is a strong advocate for ensuring quality services for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired through her direct work with families, consumer



organizations, and professional organizations. She is the recipient of the Mary K. Bauman Award for Distinguished Service in Education, and a past president of AERBVI.

Dr. Sacks will be presenting 3 PLC for us this spring. March 20, April 17th and May 15th.

This session addresses the TQS competency #4: Establishing Inclusive Learning Environments

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