

Heartland Gifted & Talented News

December 2021

Welcome to the first edition of the SMORETAG newsletter!

It's time my communications get an upgrade! I have been sending out group emails of announcements of upcoming events and other items of interest to GT folks for several years. Using this SMORE newsletter will allow me to communicate more consistently to a broader audience of people interested in gifted and talented education, create opportunities to share on a greater array of topics, and all in a way that lets you easily access timely information AND archived information.

Plan to receive this newsletter quarterly this year. If other timely announcements need to be made between newsletters, those will now come from haeatag@heartlandaea.org

Of course, you are still always welcome to contact me directly for supports at:

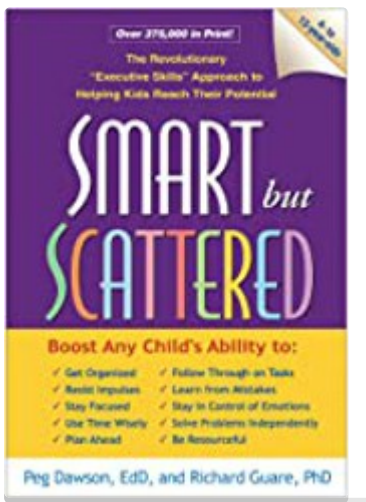
email: kwilcox-conley@heartlandaea.org

Phone: 515-473-6955

Thank you checking out this resource and for all you do for gifted students!



Kyra Wilcox-Conley
Heartland GT Consultant



Smart, But Scattered Workshop Recording

Heartland AEA's Family & Educator Partnership recently hosted a virtual parent session on Executive Functioning, facilitated by Peg Dawson, Ed.D., coauthor of the Smart, But Scattered series of books.

You may view the session recording here and share it with your colleagues and families: <https://youtu.be/SdVZT1h7NLQ>.

Two Upcoming Heartland Professional Development Opportunities



1. Intro to Gifted and Talented Education in Iowa

When

Thursday, Jan. 27th 2022 at 8:30am-3:30pm

Where

6500 Corporate Drive Johnston, IA

More information

This workshop is designed for **general education teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators** who are interested in gaining background knowledge about gifted and talented (GT) programming in Iowa. Topics covered will include Iowa Code requirements for GT programs, characteristics of gifted students, National Association for Gifted Children K-12 Programming Standards, and best practices and resources for educators.

Registration link:

[HL - Intro to Gifted and Talented Education in Iowa, \(Course # 202717\)](#)

2. New Gifted and Talented Teacher Workshop

When

Thursday, Feb. 3rd 2022 at 8:30am-3:30pm

Where

6500 Corporate Drive Johnston, IA

More information

Are you in your first few years of teaching in your district's Gifted and Talented Program? Would you benefit from networking with others with similar experiences? Do you have questions about Iowa Code, categorical funding, identification and programming best practices? This workshop will touch on these things and more while allowing participants to make connections with colleagues in other districts.

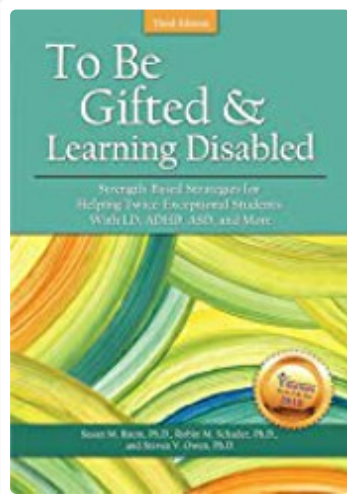
Registration link:

[HL - New Gifted and Talented Teacher Workshop, \(Course # 202738\)](#)

What's new in the Heartland AEA Professional Library?

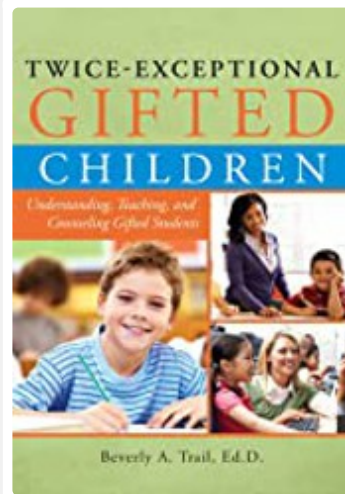
Do you have a student, or think you may have a student who is twice-exceptional? Check out these titles to learn more about twice-exceptionality, strengths-based strategies and more.

You can search for these titles and many more on the [Library Catalog site](#).



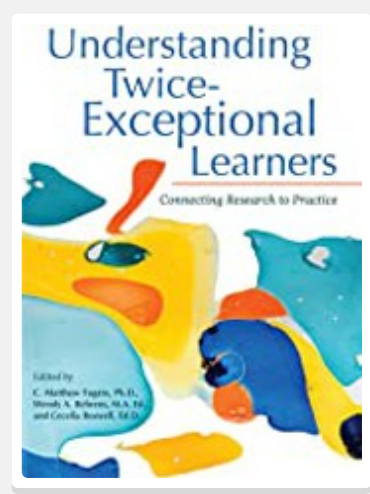
To Be Gifted & Learning Disabled: Strengths-Based Strategies for Helping Twice-Exceptional Students with LD, ADHD, ASD, and More

Author: Susan Baum
Published: 2017



Twice-Exceptional Gifted Children

Author: Beverly Trail
Published: 2010



Understanding Twice-Exceptional Learners: Connecting Research to Practice

Author: Matthew Fugate
and Wendy Behrens
Published: 2020

