

# Frequently Asked Questions About 1<sup>st</sup> Annual TSSV Conference

## ***What will Michelle be talking about?***

Michelle will specifically focus on the parent's point of view, helping parents to explore how their child's social learning challenges can impact their ability to participate in daily academic tasks. She will also explain how this information can be shared with educators and administrators as the team works together to decide on educational services.

## *Connecting Social and Academic Learning: How Parents Can Talk So Districts May Listen*

During this two hour session, Michelle Garcia Winner, the founder of Social Thinking will discuss how a student's ability to think critically and function as part of a group are foundational to each student's college and career readiness which is the goal of our Common Core Standards. Using examples of school mission statements and educational standards paired with classroom assignments, Garcia Winner will explain why we need to do more than teach our kids social skills on the playground to help them be better prepared for life beyond the K-12 years. Some strategies will be taught during this brief session. The last 30 minutes will be a Q and A.

## ***Can professionals attend?***

Yes! Michelle is donating her time to speak to parents as her contribution to this fundraising event, so her talk will be directed to parents, but it's always helpful to explore learning from a parent's point of view and to hear their questions and concerns. However, formal CEU's are not provided for the event, although professionals are welcome to keep track of their own hours of training. Professionals (and parents) may also be interested in attending Social Thinking's upcoming [Providers' Conference](#).

## ***What age is this event appropriate for?***

The conference is for parents and professionals, not for children. Since the talk will be focused on tying social learning and academic goals through educational standards, the talk will be most appropriate for parents of children from kindergarten through high school.

Any other questions, feel free to ask us at [TeachSocialSV@gmail.com](mailto:TeachSocialSV@gmail.com)!