



## Building Partnerships...Working Together

October 19 - 20, 2017

### Mississippi's 9th Annual Special Education Conference

For Parents and Professionals

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CONFERENCE HOSTED BY:



**When:**

Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 9:00 AM CST

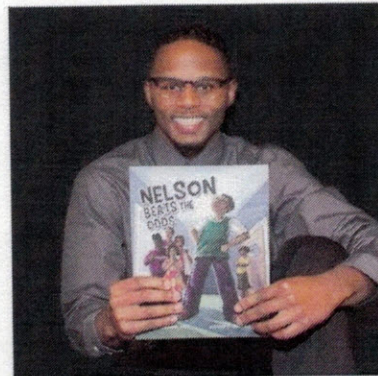
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Friday, October 20, 2017 at 4:00 PM CST

Registration begins at 8:00 AM CST both days

*The 2017 Building Partnerships...Working Together Conference will be educational, enlightening and informative for parents, special education professionals and advocates! The conference is also a great networking and relationship building opportunity for those interested in improving outcomes for students with disabilities in Mississippi.*

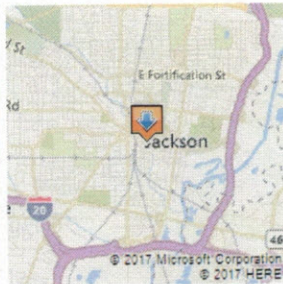
#### Keynote Speaker Day 1: Ronnie Sidney



Ronnie Sidney, II, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), is a father, therapist, author, app developer, professional speaker and entrepreneur. He received a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2014. Ronnie was raised in Tappahannock, Virginia, and attended Essex County Public Schools (ECPS). While attending ECPS, he spent several years in Special Education after being diagnosed with a learning disability. The stigmatization of special education created a lack of interest in school. Nevertheless, he graduated from Essex High School in 2001, but with a 1.8 GPA. With limited options regarding four-year colleges, he decided to enroll in J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia. The following year, he transferred to Old Dominion University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services in 2006.

**Add to Calendar****Where:**

Jackson Convention Center  
105 E. Pascagoula Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

**Driving Directions****Contact:**

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**[Click here to read more about Ronnie](#)****Keynote Day 2: Dr. Rosemarie Allen**

Rosemarie Allen has served as an educational leader for over 30 years. She earned her B.A. from California State University, Long Beach, Master's of Education from Lesley University and Doctorate in Equity and Leadership in Education at the University of Colorado, Denver. Dr. Allen is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Metropolitan State University of Denver. She is a national expert on implicit bias and culturally responsive practices, speaking at conferences across the country. Additionally, she created a course that is being distributed nationally in efforts to reduce and ultimately eliminate preschool suspensions. The course focuses on racial equity in disciplinary practices.

**[Click here to read more about Rosemarie](#)****Topics covered during the conference will include:**

- Parent/Family Engagement
- Dyslexia
- Transition from School to Post School
- Behavior (including Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans and de-escalation of aggressive behavior)
- Advocacy/Self-Advocacy
- Endrew F. (recent Supreme Court case)
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Section 504
- Mental Illness
- Emergency Preparedness
- Incorporating Technology in Learning

**Registration Fee: \$35.00**  
**AGENDA COMING SOON**  
**[Printable Registration Form](#)**

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**ATTENTION EDUCATORS**

CEUs and SEMIs will be offered through Mississippi College

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

Parent Scholarships/Stipends are available to cover your registration fee - simply check that you are requesting a parent stipend when registering.

Be sure to ask your school district for sponsorship to assist with travel expenses.

Parent training is a related service.

If you are a business or school district and would like to pay with a purchase order, please be sure to enter the purchase order number when completing registration.