





## Seizure Management

Free classroom resources, programs and materials are now available online at <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/epilepsy/>:

- ◇ Seizures and You: Take Charge of the Facts—An award-winning, school-based educational program with free lesson plans and multimedia to teach teens about epilepsy and seizures.
- ◇ Take Charge of the Facts—A website created to accompany the Seizures and You program, designed especially for high-school students to explore on their own and hear directly from teens living with epilepsy.
- ◇ Seizure Training for School Personnel—A program teaching seizure first aid that includes a facilitator's guide, handouts, DVD, and CD-ROM.
- ◇ Managing Students with Seizures—Free online continuing education on managing students with seizures in partnership with the National Association for School Nurses.

Effective July 1st, the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida is designated as the lead agency by the Florida Department of Health to provide epilepsy services in the state and will expand statewide services to streamline care and provide resources for residents with seizure disorders, especially children. The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida website at <https://www.epilepsyfla.org/services.asp> provides many valuable services to individuals and their families regardless of their financial situation including:

- ◇ Summer Camp and Family Weekends
- ◇ Information, Referral and Support
- ◇ Neuropsychological Services
- ◇ Transportation Assistance
- ◇ ID Bracelets & Necklaces
- ◇ Employment Counseling
- ◇ Medication Assistance
- ◇ Prevention Education
- ◇ Case Management
- ◇ Medical Services
- ◇ Support Groups
- ◇ Bicycle Helmets

For more information contact Dianne Mennitt, School Nurse Consultant

## State University System 2010 Regional Admissions Workshops

We are pleased to announce the dates for the annual workshops for secondary school counselors. Workshop dates and locations are listed below.

Location	Date
Florida State University (Panama City)	Wednesday, September 1
University of North Florida	Thursday, September 2
University of Central Florida	Friday, September 3
Florida Atlantic University	Tuesday, September 7
Florida International University	Wednesday, September 8
Florida Gulf Coast University	Thursday, September 9
University of South Florida	Friday, September 10

Registration information will be available this summer. For more information, please contact Lynda A. Page, Associate Director, Academic and Student Affairs, Board of Governors ([Lynda.Page@flbog.edu](mailto:Lynda.Page@flbog.edu)).

## Compulsory School Attendance Update: TAP, DPS: 2010-48

Patterns of nonattendance and truancy are identified as early warning signs of academic failure. The continuum of truancy to delinquency typically includes other behaviors that result in suspension, expulsion, and drop out. Students with the highest truancy rates are found to have the lowest academic achievement, which puts them at greater risk for dropping out of school.

The Compulsory School Attendance Update: DPS: 2010-48 is available for download at <http://info.fl DOE.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-5702/dps2010-48.pdf> and provides information to school district personnel and community partners who work with school attendance-related programs and initiatives.

It clarifies the urgency for consistent local school district efforts to comply with attendance enforcement requirements. This document replaces TAP FY 2000-02.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Gria Davison, School Social Work Consultant.

## Upcoming Events

Florida School Counselor Association Summer Academy, June 25 – 27, 2010  
The Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL  
School Counselors: Preparing for a New Decade. For more information, visit [www.flaschoolcounselorg/2010Academy/](http://www.flaschoolcounselorg/2010Academy/).

Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP) Summer Institute, July 21 – 24, 2010  
The Tradewinds Island Resort St. Pete Beach, FL  
Rtl...Beyond the Basics into Practice. For more information, visit [http://www.fasp.org/Conferences/Summer\\_Institute.html](http://www.fasp.org/Conferences/Summer_Institute.html)

Working on Gifted Issues Annual Institute, June 10 – 11, 2010  
World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL.  
For more information, visit <http://www.unfwogi.com/events.html>

## Coming soon . . . Decision-making Tools Guide

*The Decision-making within Florida's Problem Solving & Response to Instruction/ Intervention Framework: Guiding Tools* document illustrates the comprehensive way in which PS-Rtl will be applied to decision making in Florida, including decisions related to eligibility for special education services and supports. The purpose of the guide is to:

- ◇ Guide the application of problem-solving within the Rtl framework as a system-wide school improvement model.
- ◇ Apply district and school-wide problem-solving efforts to decision making that results in improved effects of instruction.
- ◇ Provide districts and schools with the practical decision making tools that maintain integrity of the problem-solving process within the Rtl framework.
- ◇ Provide Florida's perspective that decision making related to eligibility for special education services and supports occurs as a natural and fluid aspect of the on-going pursuit to improve the effects of instruction for all students.

The Decision-making Guiding Tools document will be posted at the Florida Response to Intervention (Rtl) website at <http://www.florida-rti.org/>. The Florida Response to Intervention (Rtl) website provides a central location for Florida-specific information and resources related to problem solving/response to intervention.