



***Working on Gifted Issues (WOGI) Presents a Workshop for  
Parents and Others Who Work With Children Who Are Gifted***

***Understanding and Supporting the Complexity of Your Child:  
It Isn't Always Easy Being Gifted***

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We often take for granted that we understand our children who are gifted simply through observation. However, all children are personally complex and being gifted adds unique dimensions to one's inner experience. From a holistic and developmental perspective, the presenters will discuss descriptive characteristics of giftedness. Focus will be given to nurturing the whole child and embracing her/his sensitivities, intensities, strengths, and vulnerabilities. We will address the "goodness of fit" among the environment, demands, expectations, and the temperament and characteristics of the individual child. Everyday challenges at school, at home, and in the community will be addressed including peer relationships, perfectionism, family dynamics, and parental effectiveness. Please join us to learn ways to respond to your child's individual perspective, needs and concerns, and ways to support her/his growth and well-being.

**Presenters:**

Dr. Patricia Gatto-Walden is a nationally recognized psychologist who has provided individual, group and family counseling to thousands of gifted children, adolescents, and adults since 1977. In her adjunct educational consulting practice, she has traveled the nation helping parents, educators, and administrators understand and accept the inner world, needs, and concerns of gifted children. She recently moved to Amelia Island, Florida, where she is opening a counseling and consulting practice for gifted and profoundly gifted individuals of all ages. She is also in the process of authoring a book sharing the wisdom gained from three decades of work with individuals who are gifted. She is a parent of four gifted children in early adulthood.

Denise Bishop is a doctoral candidate at the University of South Florida and a Nationally Certified School Psychologist who has worked as the State Consultant in School Psychology for Florida and the Director of Standards and Professional Development for the Office of Early Learning at the Florida Department of Education. She is a strong advocate for children and families and has worked collaboratively with policy makers, district administrators, primary practitioners, and families to ensure that all children have an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential. Denise has committed her time and expertise to addressing the disproportional over- and under-representation of culturally and linguistically diverse children in exceptional education programs. She is also the parent of two young gifted children who bring new joy (and challenges) to her each day.

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