

Executive Function Skills Measure What Matters



January 9, 2018 ☉ **At Metro ECSU**

12:00–3:00 (11:30 am check in. Snacks provided.)

12:00–2:00 Executive Function Foundation

2:00–3:00 Demonstration: Assessment Tool –
Minnesota Executive Function Scale™ (MEFS)

What are Executive Function skills for children, why are they important, and how do they develop? Is there an easy, scientific measurement tool to identify and support strengths and areas for improvement? **Attend this workshop to learn about Executive Function skills and the unbiased assessment tool developed at the University of Minnesota.**

Executive Function refers to social emotional learning and the neurocognitive skills that are most vital to academic and life success. These skills, which can be taught and learned, are centered on attention, impulse control, working memory, and cognitive flexibility.

Executive Function skills make it possible for children to learn effectively and efficiently in a classroom context, and they protect children against academic failure associated with socioeconomic status. MEFS provides new and important data to help teachers better meet the needs of students. Because MEFS only takes five minutes to complete, it is easy to test multiple times through the year, to track data over time, and to use it to inform your teaching practices.

KEY IDEAS:

- What is Executive Function?
- Why should we measure it?
- What is the MEFS?
- How is the assessment tool different?
- How are districts using it?

The MEFS, a 5-7 minute assessment, was everything we were looking for — a reliable, predictive and normed assessment that children actually enjoy taking.

**Elizabeth R. Santini,
Convent of the Sacred Heart**

Who should attend: District and school administrators, early learning coordinators, curriculum directors, social workers, and other leaders will want to attend this workshop.

Presenter Stephanie M. Carlson, PhD co-founder and CEO of Reflections Sciences, is a developmental psychologist and professor at the Institute of Child Development, U of MN. She is an internationally recognized leader in Executive Function measurement in preschool children. The National Institutes of Health, Institute of Education Sciences, John Templeton Foundation, and the Character Lab have supported her work. Dr. Carlson is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science, and serves on multiple editorial and advisory boards in the child development field.

Registration Fee & Contact Information:

\$30 Metro ECSU Member; \$60 Non-member

Register online: <http://metroecsus.myquickreg.com/register/event>

Registration Deadline: January 9, 2018

Cancellation Deadline: January 5, 2018

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