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2008 Special Needs Conference To Feature Nationally Syndicated Journalist

Nelson Lauver, a nationally syndicated journalist, will be the keynote speaker at the 2008 Special Needs Conference on April 26, 2008. The conference is scheduled for 7:15 a.m.–2:45 p.m. at the BCIU Education Centre, 2101 Centre Avenue (across from First Energy Stadium).

Lauver, who overcame a lifetime of illiteracy caused by undiagnosed dyslexia, is the creator and host of *The American Storyteller Radio Journal*, a daily four-minute slice of the American experience. Syndicated from coast to coast, *The American Storyteller Radio Journal* is one of the fastest growing syndicated programs in radio. Lauver's keynote address, "Motivated to Make It: Beyond the Roadblocks," will kick-off the event, which will also feature breakout sessions on a variety of early education/special needs topics.

Rita Miller, a certified psychiatric and mental health nurse and a member of the National Speaker's Association, will also make a presentation at the event. Miller's "Time Out: Stress to Zest" is an informative, highly entertaining program geared towards teaching early care and education providers of special needs children useful and fun techniques to convert the energy of stress to verve and vigor.

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