

# The Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute



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# The Vision

- Began with one parent
- Focus groups were formed
- March 2001 proposal for the Institute was written
- A world-class facility was created and named the Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute

# The Mission

The mission of the Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute is to facilitate the development of knowledge and skills necessary to provide education and clinical services for children and adults with exceptional needs and their families through interdisciplinary research, practice and partnerships.

# Operations

- Grant Opportunities
- Scholarships
- Family/Community Liaison
- Community Counseling Clinic
- *The Striving Learner*
- Professional Development Signature Series

# Grant Opportunities



- Interdisciplinary
- Collaborative with schools
- Focused on literacy, assessment, and technology
- \$350,000 awarded to date

# Scholarships

- Exceptional Education Ph.D.
- Counselor Education Ph.D.



# Family/Community Liaison

- Local Agencies
- Family as Faculty
- More Alike than Different
- Family Cafe



# Community Counseling Clinic

- 1,000 clients each year
- 2005 ACA Outstanding Program of the Year



# *The Striving Learner*



- Research
- Practice
- Voices for striving learners

# Professional Development



- Literacy
  - David Booth
  - Connecting Science & Literacy
- Assessment
  - Staying out of Legal Trouble
  - IEP Meetings with a Twist
- Technology
  - Ted Hasselbring
  - Dave Edyburn
  - David Davis

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