



2016 Partners For Progress Conference

April 21-22 | Spartanburg Marriott

This conference allows professionals, family members and self advocates to learn how to empower and improve the future of children through the state. Presentations and workshops focus on topics related to new diagnosis/general, advocacy, mental health and behaviors, early literacy, k-12 content mastery, and transition, emphasizing increased collaboration between parents and professionals in the educational setting. That increased collaboration sets the stage for all children and individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential.

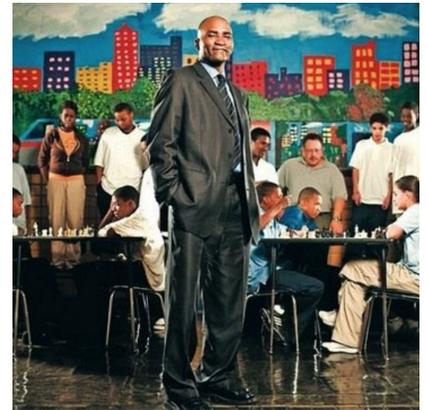
About the Featured Speaker: Salome Thomas-EL

"Every child needs someone to be crazy about them."

These are the words of Salome Thomas-EL, award-winning teacher, principal and nationally recognized educator. These words shape his life-long commitment to answering the question, "How do we ensure that every child achieves their greatest potential?" Central to this challenge is how we succeed with children who are facing the most serious barriers to success: poverty, violence, neglect and low expectations.

Salome Thomas-EL is a national education expert and consultant. He was a teacher and principal with the Philadelphia School District from 1987-2009. He received national acclaim as a teacher and chess coach at Vaux Middle School, where his students have gone on to win world recognition as Eight-Time National Chess Champions.

Principal EL is a regular contributor on "The Dr. Oz Show" and the author of the best-selling books, *I Choose to Stay*, about his Vaux Middle School experience, and *The Immortality of Influence*, which stresses the importance of mentoring, parenting and service to others. The Walt Disney Company optioned the movie rights to *I Choose to Stay*.



Individual registration fees are \$15 for one day or \$20 for two days. CEU credits available.

View full workshop schedule and register at www.FamilyConnectionSC.org.

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