

“Reading Comprehension and Transition for Students on the Autism Spectrum”

Atlanta, GA ♦ October 15 - 16, 2008

Clarion Hotel Atlanta Airport North



Achieving Reading Comprehension for Autism & Other Disabilities, with Marion Blank, Ph.D.

Effective reading comprehension has proven to be one of the most elusive skills for children with language problems. Even when decoding is not an issue, difficulties in understanding what has been read persist, affecting the child's chances for both academic and life success. Using insights from linguistics and cognitive psychology, the workshop will demonstrate innovative programs that use new materials and techniques to steadily guide children to significant levels of comprehension.

**Wednesday
Oct. 15th**

The approach also provides a comprehensive framework that parents and practitioners can use for more effective communication in a variety of settings. Learning objectives for participants:

1) Increase knowledge of the underpinnings of effective comprehension 2) Increase awareness of the problems raised by many commonly used materials 3) Implement instruments to assess children's functioning 4) Implement programs to enhance their functioning 5) Increase awareness of ways to interpret language issues in a variety of settings 6) Develop ways to apply the concepts to a variety of communicative situations.



Transition from School to Post-School: Best Practices, with Patrick Schwarz, Ph.D.

Longitudinal transitional practices from school to post-school are presented in this workshop. Definitions, key players, when to start transition planning and other important information pieces are covered. Real-life learner examples are illustrated and participants are guided into creating a plan for an individual they represent for an authentic and meaningful application that can be utilized immediately. Learning objectives for participants:

**Thursday
Oct. 16th**

1) Identify the essential players in a school to post-school transition 2) Identify important planning areas in transition including higher education, living, work and play 3) Describe key milestones in school and the curriculum that contribute to effective transition 4) Learn to facilitate future planning processes such as MAPS (McGill Action Planning System) 5) Learn the importance of teaching and supporting key life skills at times they actually occur 6) Engage in action planning and prioritizing for transition.

Schedule for Conference Days

7:00-8:00am Check-in
8:00-9:30am Speaker
9:30-9:45am Break
9:45-11:30am Speaker
11:30am-12:30pm Lunch (on your own)
12:30-2:00pm Speaker
2:00-2:15pm Break
2:15-3:30pm Speaker

Registration Prices

(Early bird valid through Sept. 8, 2008)

Professional online credit card discount!

Professional 2 Days:

Early Bird: \$195 Regular: \$205

Online: \$185 Online: \$195

Professional 1 Day:

Early Bird: \$130 Regular: \$140

Online: \$125 Online: \$130

Parent 2 Days: \$160 ♦ Parent 1 Day: \$95

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Continuing Education: (Parents not eligible)

Certificates of attendance will be given out. There are a total of 12 hours of lecture for the entire conference. The GA Department of Education is in the process of approving our conference for 1 PLU for those attending both days.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made within two weeks of conference will receive no refund. Substitutions are allowed. Cancellations prior to two weeks before the conference must pay \$30 administration fee.

Meals:

Lunch will be on your own. Breakfast and afternoon snack are included in your registration fee.

Bookstore:

There will be an extensive autism related bookstore at the training. We accept Visa, Mastercard, purchase orders, checks and cash.

Conference Location:

Clarion Hotel Atlanta Airport North
1050 Old National Highway
College Park, GA 30349
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Please check one: (RC = Reading Comprehension Presentation, T = Transition Presentation)

Early Bird: (Thru Sept 8)

- ___ Professional, Oct 15-16: \$195
- ___ Professional, Oct 15: \$130 (RC)
- ___ Professional, Oct 16: \$130 (T)

Regular: (Sept 9-Oct 16)

- ___ Professional, Oct 15-16: \$205
- ___ Professional, Oct 15: \$140 (RC)
- ___ Professional, Oct 16: \$140 (T)

Parents*

Not eligible for continuing ed hours

- ___ Parent, Oct 15-16: \$160
- ___ Parent, Oct 15: \$95 (RC)
- ___ Parent, Oct 16: \$95 (T)

* If you are a parent with a child on the autism spectrum AND a professional, please check “professional” if your workplace is paying for you, or if you are getting reimbursed for the conference. We keep the ASD parent fee at a low rate for families who may have tight budgets due to extra medical and/or therapy expenses.

Payment Type: **COPIES OF PURCHASE ORDERS MUST BE FAXED WITH REGISTRATIONS**

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