

# "Career Planning for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Des Moines, IA ♦ March 16-17, 2009 ♦ Stoney Creek Inn

## Conference Schedule March 16:

### **Career Planning:**

- A. Communication Skills in the Initial Interview
- B. Interview Communication Graffiti Activity
- C. Structuring the Interview Environment
- D. Interview Structure Activity
- E. Theory of Mind
- F. Building the Career Portfolio
- G. Career Portfolio Development Activity

### **Career Assessment:**

- A. Creating the Evaluation Plan
- B. Assessment Processes for Job Seekers With ASD
- C. Skill/Interest Testing
- D. Assessing Social/Communication Skills
- E. Career Assessment Activity

### **Workplace Supports:**

- A. Workplace Problems
- B. Natural Support Development
- C. Take Workplace Supports
- D. Minnesota Work Adjustment Theory
- E. Work Values Graffiti Activity

## Conference Schedule March 17:

### **Social Communication in the Workplace:**

- A. Basic Self-Advocacy
- B. Asking for Help Activity
- C. Sins of the System Overview
- D. Sins of the System Graffiti Activity
- E. Courtesy Rule Card Activity
- F. Social Skill Supports
- G. Workplace Visuals Graffiti Activity
- H. Workplace Social Story Make/Take

### **Implementing the Career Plan:**

- A. Career Strategies in Action
- B. Working with the Business Community
- C. Final Wrap Up - Q & A Session



**James Emmett** is a national leader in development of employment services for persons with autism spectrum disorders as well as assisting corporations in creation of outreach efforts to the disability and autism communities. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Illinois Institute of Technology. James recently completed 1.5 years working as the Disability Program Manager for Walgreens helping set up the company's national disability initiative. He also assisted Easter Seals National in laying the foundation for their national autism services network.



**Karen Steffan, MS, CRC**, has worked in the field of Rehabilitation and Transition for over 26 years and has been the LADSE Transition and Vocational Program Coordinator for the past 15 years. Karen's experience spans a broad spectrum of responsibilities including job development and placement, classroom instruction, program development, grant writing, professional development and training, project management, and program administration in public and not-for-profit sectors. Karen has provided employment, transition, and advocacy training to thousands of colleagues through university settings.



**Christopher Simler** is classically trained as an Applied Behavioral Scientist specializing in the field of Autism supports, strategies, and curriculum development. As a Behavioral Scientist, Christopher applies his knowledge of leadership, program development, communication and instruction as key components in working with a person with autism. Over the last thirteen years Christopher has worked with non-profits, school districts, transition programs, national associations and co-operative special education programs providing autism trainings and behavioral support.

### 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.

### Schedule:

Check-in from 7-8am. Day runs from 8am-3:30pm. 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:

Stoney Creek Inn  
5291 Stoney Creek Ct.  
Johnston, IA 50131  
(515) 334-9000



A block of rooms has been reserved for \$89 plus tax/night.

### Registration Prices

Early bird valid through Feb. 17, 2009

#### Professional 2 Days:

Early Bird: \$175      Regular: \$205

#### Professional 1 Day:

Early Bird: \$125      Regular: \$140

#### Parent 2 Days: \$120

Parent 1 Day: \$80

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**No reservations. Payment or purchase order must accompany registration.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (w): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmations will be sent by email. Please PRINT email address.

**Please check one:**

<b><u>Early Bird: (Thru Feb. 17)</u></b>	<b><u>Regular: (Feb. 18-March 17)</u></b>	<b>Parents*</b> <small>Not eligible for continuing ed hours</small>
___ Professional, March 16-17: \$175	___ Professional, March 16-17: \$205	___ Parent, March 16-17: \$120
___ Professional, March 16: \$125	___ Professional, March 16: \$140	___ Parent, March 16: \$80
___ Professional, March 17: \$125	___ Professional, March 17: \$140	___ Parent, March 17: \$80

\* 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**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # of Accts Payable: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card payments accepted online. Please go to: <http://store.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com>. Do not put a “www.” in front of the conference store address. This store accepts all major credit cards.

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Fee for returned checks is \$50.00.

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Cancellation Policy: If you have registered and cannot attend, you may send a substitute without penalty. A \$30 cancellation fee will apply to all registrants who give written notice at least 2 weeks before the seminar. *No refunds will be granted within the two weeks before the seminar. All purchase orders are subject to the same policy.*

Cancellations will not be accepted unless written by mail, fax or email.

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