

# "Career Planning for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Mundelein, IL ♦ September 29-30, 2009 ♦ Crowne Plaza Chicago North Shore

## Conference Schedule September 29:

### **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 September 30:

### **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)

12 CPDUs will be available for the conference from the Illinois State Board of Education, or 6 CPDUs per day.

### 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:

Crowne Plaza Chicago North Shore  
510 E. Rt. 83  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
(847) 949-5100

A block of rooms has been reserved for \$104 plus tax/night.

### **Registration Prices**

Early bird valid through August 31, 2009

#### Professional 2 Days:

Early Bird: \$175      Regular: \$205

#### Professional 1 Day:

Early Bird: \$125      Regular: \$140

Parent or Young Adult 2 Days: \$120

Parent or Young Adult 1 Day: \$80

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

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

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\_\_\_ Professional, Sept 29-30: \$175

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**Regular: (Sept 1-Sept 30)**

\_\_\_ Professional, Sept 29-30: \$205

\_\_\_ Professional, Sept 29: \$140

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**Parent\***

Not eligible for continuing ed hours

\_\_\_ Parent, Sept 29-30: \$120

\_\_\_ Parent, Sept 29: \$80

\_\_\_ Parent, Sept 30: \$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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Cancellations will not be accepted unless written by mail, fax or email.

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