

**Transition and Teaching Strategies  
for Students on the Autism Spectrum**  
Pittsburgh, PA ♦ October 28 - 29, 2008  
Holiday Inn Pittsburgh Airport



**Tuesday  
Oct. 28th**

**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: 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.



**Wednesday  
Oct. 29th**

**Teaching Strategies for Autism Spectrum Disorders, with Maria Wheeler, M.Ed.**

Some of the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) include limitations of attention, sensory difficulties, communication impairments, auditory processing problems, restrictive patterns, excessive anxiety and limited social functioning. These characteristics significantly interfere with learning and performance. When limited by the impact of the characteristics of an ASD, the learner needs to be taught concepts and skills differently than traditional students. Learning objectives for participants: 1) Explore how the characteristics of ASDs, including Autism, PDD and Asperger Syndrome, interfere with learning 2) Learn how to prepare students for learning 3) Learn how to structure and present teaching experiences that actively involve children who have ASDs in a variety of learning experiences 4) Learn how to evaluate a non-verbal child's knowledge of concepts taught 5) Learn effective modifications and supports to facilitate learning and performance for students of different ages across the Autism Spectrum.

**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. 22, 2008)*

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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.

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:

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\_\_\_ Parent, Oct 28-29: \$160

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\* 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.

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