

Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Rhode Island
Proudly Presents Our Fifth Annual Conference
For Parents, Educators & Professionals

AUTISM: SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE



April 25, 2008
BUTLER HOSPITAL, PROVIDENCE, RI

- ◆ Improving the Social Behavior of Children with Autism: A focus on Acquisition and Motivation
- ◆ Let's Play: Incorporating Peers in the Treatment and Education of Children with Autism

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S C H E D U L E

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 – 8:00 Registration, Breakfast & Welcome

Bridget A. Taylor, PsyD, BCBA

Morning Presentation:

8:00 – 11:30a.m.

“Improving the Social Behavior of Children with Autism: A Focus on Acquisition and Motivation”

Existing research has documented the efficacy of a wide range of interventions (e.g., video modeling, textual scripts, audio-tape prompts and incidental teaching) in facilitating social responses in children with autism. Many children, however, continually fail to initiate such responses on their own despite directed teaching. Acquisition, generalization and maintenance of appropriate social responses may occur more readily with specific attention to variables that impact motivation. This presentation will review research-based strategies for teaching socially relevant responses (e.g., requesting for information, commenting, and conversation) to children with autism and will outline specific variables that may enhance motivation. Videotaped examples and data based outcomes will be used to illustrate both teaching procedures and the social skills to target.

11:30 Lunch (Provided)

Bridget A. Taylor, PsyD, BCBA

Afternoon Presentation

12:30 – 3:30p.m.

“Let’s Play: Incorporating Peers in the Treatment and Education of Children with Autism”

Teaching children with autism to socialize and interact with peers is an important component to a comprehensive behavioral program. Teaching children to benefit from these interactions, however, requires systematic programming based upon the principles of applied behavior analysis. This presentation will review the research base supporting peer directed programming for children with autism and specific strategies that promote successful interactions. Videotaped samples of prerequisites skills and teaching interventions will be presented.

**3:30 – 4:00 Q & A “Ask the Professionals”
Closing Remarks**

“Ask the Professionals”

Participate in an informal question and answer format with our speaker and invited guests. This is an excellent opportunity to ask the speaker in-depth questions about their topic or ask them to address other topics of interest.

Panel Moderator:

Susan Sienkiewicz, RN, MS
FEAT/RI Board of Directors
Professor of Nursing,
Community College of Rhode Island

B I O G R A P H I E S

Bridget A. Taylor, PsyD, BCBA

Bridget A. Taylor is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She holds a Doctorate of Psychology from Rutgers University, and received her Masters degree in Early Childhood Special Education from Columbia University. Dr. Taylor has specialized in the education and treatment of children with autism for the past twenty years. In 1988, she co-founded the Alpine Learning Group, a well regarded education and treatment center for children with autism in New Jersey. She currently serves as Executive Director. Dr. Taylor serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis and the journals Behavioral Interventions and Behavior Analysis in Practice. She is also a member of the Autism Advisory Group for the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies and a board member of the Association for Science in Autism Treatment. Dr. Taylor has authored research articles and book chapters related to autism and she is a regular presenter at national and international conferences.

Informational Table: Literature and information on a wide range of issues related to autism spectrum disorders from many of our Community Partners will be on display at our informational table. You are invited to browse the information table before the speaking program begins, during lunch and any breaks.

This Year!!

The Sensational Child will be returning this year offering quality developmental toys and items used for sensory recreation and therapy. They will also have available a wide variety of autism literature and resources for sale. For more information, go to www.sensationalchild.org

CAM Creations Owner of CAM Creations, Cindy Gabriel, will be displaying and offering a wide selection of uniquely designed, handcrafted jewelry. Ms. Gabriel graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tufts University in May, 1987. Her training in engineering can be seen in the structure and symmetry of her designs. Ms. Gabriel is the parent of a 7 year old son with autism. He has inspired her autism line of jewelry, and inspires her every day to create beautiful pieces. For more information, please visit www.camcreations.net

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

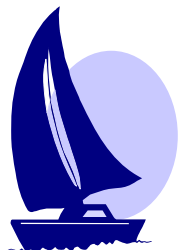
This program is co-sponsored by **BUTLER HOSPITAL**. Butler Hospital is approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the **Rhode Island State Nurses' Association (RISNA)** which is accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. 7 nursing credits are available through this program.

Butler Hospital is accredited by the **Rhode Island Medical Society** to sponsor intrastate continuing medical education for physicians. Butler Hospital designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 7 hour(s) in Category 1 credit towards the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

CEU's will also be available for **Social Workers** and **Psychologists**.

RI Department of Education Professional Development Credits will be available.

Blackstone Valley Association for Behavior Analysis will be offering CEUs for BCBA's.



Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Rhode Island (FEAT/RI)

is a non-profit organization of parents, educators and professionals. Our mission is to provide accurate information about effective education and treatment options for autism based on Applied Behavior Analysis. We strive to promote the development and quality of ABA programs, as well as guide, support and advocate for families seeking this type of intervention. FEAT/RI assistance is available to FEAT/RI members and non-member families.

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Title _____

Organization or affiliation _____

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Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Cost: (Check One)

BEFORE APRIL 6, 2008:

FEAT/RI Parent/TA Member \$50
Non-member Parent/TA \$75
Conf. Fee + 1yr Parent/TA Membership \$70

FEAT/RI Member Professional \$125
Non-member Professional \$150
Conf. Fee + 1yr Professional Membership \$140

AFTER APRIL 6, 2008:

FEAT/RI Parent/TA Member \$60
Non-member Parent/TA \$85

FEAT/RI Member Professional \$135
Non-member Professional \$175

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FEAT/RI would like to thank Butler Hospital for donating the use of Ray Hall for our fourth annual conference, **Autism: Sharing the Knowledge.**

The conference will be held at
Butler Hospital
Ray Hall
345 Blackstone Blvd
Providence, RI

For credit card payment visit www.featri.org
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