

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

AUTISM: SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE



April 4, 2009

BUTLER HOSPITAL, PROVIDENCE, RI
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Topics to Include

- ◆ Autism Treatments Working Together ◆ Feeding and Autism
- ◆ Medication Challenges ◆ Adolescence and Transition
and More

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S C H E D U L E

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

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

8:00 – 10:00am Keynote

Andrew S. Bondy, Ph.D.,

Judith A. Favell, Ph.D., BCBA

Gary Mesibov, Ph.D.

“Autism Treatments Working Together” Professional Panel

There are several approaches that are used to educate children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This presentation will describe major features and commonalities of ABA, TEACCH and PEC's. Principle tenants of each approach will be reviewed by leaders in the respective disciplines. How these approaches compliment and fit together and can be applied to an individual with Autism will be discussed.

10:00-10:10am Break, Visit Exhibitors

10:10 – 11:25am

Peter Gerhardt, Ph.D

“Adolescence and Transition”

Today, professionals, families and learners with ASD are beginning to redefine the outcomes of the transition process beyond simple job placement to focus on career development and measures of personal competence and life satisfaction. To this end, this presentation will provide an overview and practical suggestions for transition planning AT ANY AGE in support of desirable and individualized employment outcomes with attention to assessment, community based training, employment development, job-related social skills, and quality of life concerns

11:25-12:30pm Lunch (Provided), Visit Exhibitors

12:30 – 1:45pm

Debra Lobato, Ph.D, & Patricia Gricus, MS OTR/L

“Feeding and Autism”

This presentation will discuss common feeding problems among children with autism spectrum disorders. We will provide a multidisciplinary approach to feeding problems. We will share behavioral and sensory-based strategies that families can try in order to improve children's feeding, nutrition, and mealtime behavior.

1:45-1:55pm Break, Visit Exhibitors

1:55-3:10pm

Jane Carlson, Ph.D., BCBA

“National Autism Standards”

3:15-4:30pm

Todd Levine, MD

“Psychiatric Medication Challenges in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders”

Psychiatric medications are commonly in used children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) for a variety of issues including hyperactivity, aggression, and anxiety. This talk will discuss the benefits and side effects of commonly used medications along with challenges in targeting and diagnosing behaviors to treat and monitor. Special attention will be paid to the scientific evidence supporting medication use in children with ASD and how medications fit into a multidisciplinary treatment plan.

4:30-5:00pm Visit Exhibitors & Closing Remarks

FEAT/RI Conference 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

Andrew S. Bondy, Ph.D. - Andy Bondy, Ph.D., has almost 40 years of experience working with children and adults with autism and related developmental disabilities. He served as the Director of the Statewide Delaware Autistic Program for more than a dozen years. He and his wife, Lori Frost, pioneered the development of the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). He has designed the *Pyramid Approach to Education* (with Beth Sulzer-Azaroff) as a comprehensive combination of broad-spectrum behavior analysis and functional communication strategies. This approach has been cited as a model program for preschool and school-aged children within public and private school settings. He has published numerous articles, several books as well as been an invited presenter at conferences around the world. He is the co-founder of Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc., an internationally based team of specialists from diverse fields providing guidance and services throughout the world.

Jane Carlson, Ph.D., BCBA –

Judith E. Favell, Ph.D., BCBA - Judith E. Favell is CEO of AdvoServ, a multi-state network of treatment programs for children and adults with developmental and behavioral challenges. Dr. Favell received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1966, and earned her Ph.D. in developmental and child psychology from the University of Kansas in 1970. Throughout her career as a clinician, researcher, teacher, lecturer and administrator, she has focused on the understanding and treatment of serious behavioral challenges, such as self-injurious and aggressive behavior in individuals with autism. Her work has encompassed not only clinical domains, but also organizational, regulatory, legal and policy issues, for example through testifying, chairing national task forces, serving as expert witness and writing guidelines and policies governing treatment in developmental disabilities. Dr. Favell has authored numerous articles, monographs, chapters and books, edited a leading journal and several newsletters, and served on the editorial boards of many others. She has presented extensively both nationally and internationally on topics ranging from innovations in treatment to utilization of video technology with vulnerable populations. Her offices have included current President of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, President of the International Association for Behavior Analysis and President of the American Psychological Association's Division on Developmental Disabilities.

Peter Gerhardt, Ph.D. -. Dr. Peter Gerhardt is president and chair of the Scientific Council for the Organization for Autism Research, a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding applied research and disseminating the relevant findings in support of learners with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. Dr. Gerhardt has over 25 years experience utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis in support of adolescents and adults with an ASD in educational, employment, and community based settings. He is the author or co-author of articles and book chapters on the needs of adults with autism spectrum disorder, the school-to-work-transition process, assessment of social competence, and analysis and intervention of problematic behavior. He has presented nationally and internationally on these topics. Dr. Gerhardt received his doctorate from the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education. In 2007 Dr. Gerhardt was awarded the *John W. Jacobson Award for Significant Contributions to Effective Behavior Intervention* by the New York State Association for Behavior Analysis.

Patricia Gricus, MS OTR/L – Patricia Gricus is a Pediatric Clinical Specialist in Occupational Therapy at Hasbro Children's Hospital. As a clinician within the Hasbro Pediatric GI Feeding Program, she has extensive experience working with families to treat complex feeding problems among children with chronic illnesses or disabilities such as autism.

Todd Levine, MD –Todd Levine, M.D. is a physician with professional training in general pediatrics, general psychiatry, and child & adolescent psychiatry. He has a lifelong interest in understanding autism and pursues it in both research and clinical settings. Dr. Levine's most current research focuses on biological and behavioral manifestations of anxiety in children with autism. In his clinical work, Dr. Levine has developed a specialized autism clinic focusing on assessments and treatment planning for children with autism and special behavioral needs.

Debra Lobato, Ph.D.- Debra Lobato, PhD is a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University Medical School and the Director of Child Psychology at /Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Gary Mesibov, Ph.D. - Dr. Gary B. Mesibov is currently the Director of Division TEACCH at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a position he has held since 1992. This internationally recognized statewide program is one of a kind in its pioneering approaches to service, treatment, training, research and the education of individuals with autism. Prior to Dr. Mesibov's appointment as Director of Division TEACCH, he served as the Division's Co-Director from 1987 and the Associate Director from 1983. Dr. Mesibov also serves as Professor of Psychology, Dept. of Psychiatry, and Clinical Professor, Dept. of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Mesibov has received degrees from Stanford University (A.B.), The University of Michigan (M.A.), Brandeis University (Ph.D.), and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Postdoctoral Fellow). Dr. Mesibov is a licensed Psychologist in the state of North Carolina. Dr. Mesibov's current editorial appointments include: Editor of the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders and membership on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Clinical Child Psychology and the Journal of Pediatric Psychology. He has written numerous books, journal articles, book reviews, editorials, chapters and research papers dealing with all aspects of autism and developmental disabilities.

Community Partner Tables: Literature and information on a wide range of issues related to autism spectrum disorders from many of our Community Partners will be on display. You are invited to browse their information tables 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**.

Physicians: Butler Hospital is accredited by the Rhode Island Medical Society to sponsor intrastate continuing medical education for physicians. This continuing education activity carries 7 hours of Category I credit.

Psychologists: Application has been made for 7 contact hours for psychologists in compliance with Section 8.1 of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Licensing of Psychologists in Rhode Island.

Social Workers & Mental Health Counselors: Application for 7 continuing education credits has been made to the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers CEU Collaborative.

Nurses: Butler Hospital is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by Rhode Island State Nurse's Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This continuing education activity carries 7 Contact Hours.

RI Department of Education Professional Development Credits will be available.

****IMPORTANT****

FEAT/RI expects registration to go beyond capacity and interested parents and professionals will be added to our cancellation waiting list. We respectfully request that if you are a parent of a child with autism registering to attend our event for free, please make every effort to attend, or contact us to cancel so we may allow those on our waiting list to attend. See Brochure for Cancellation policy.
Thank you!

For more information, please contact us at (401) 886-5015 or featri@gmail.com .



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is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit, parent and professional driven organization, staffed by volunteers and fully funded through the generosity of caring supporters. FEAT/RI's mission is to disseminate accurate information regarding Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and effective science-based treatment, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and provide guidance, support, and advocacy for families of children with ASD. FEAT/RI assistance is available to FEAT/RI member and non-member families.

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Title _____

Organization or School _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Cost: (Check One)

BEFORE March 1, 2009:

Parent of a Child with Autism (must register) () FREE

FEAT/RI Member TA/HBTS/PASS/Student \$40
Non-member TA/HBTS/PASS/Student \$50

FEAT/RI Member Professional \$99
Non-member Professional \$119

AFTER March 1, 2009:

Parent of a Child with Autism () \$ 30

FEAT/RI Member TA/HBTS/PASS/Student \$50
Non-member TA/HBTS/PASS/Student \$60

FEAT/RI Member Professional \$120
Non-member Professional \$140

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make check or purchase order payable to FEAT/RI.

Credit Card Payment is available **ONLY online.*

Age Group of Child(ren) Served (Please Check all that apply):

() Preschool () Elementary () Middle School
() High School

Send Registration and payment to:

**FEAT/RI
c/o Breta Combs
8 Haven St.
Narragansett, RI 02882**

Cancellations received in writing by **March 6, 2009**, will receive a refund minus an administrative fee of \$30. Cancellations received after this date will **not** be refunded. No-show registrations will **not** be refunded. FEAT/RI reserves the right to cancel the conference due to lack of registrations. In case of conference cancellation, FEAT/RI's liability is limited to the refund of the conference registration only. FEAT/RI reserves the right to alter this program without prior notice.

(*Unless you have received a confirmation email or letter with a confirmation number, You are **not** registered. No phone or email registrations accepted). Credit Card registration available only online at www.featri.org).

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

For credit card payment visit www.featri.org
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The conference will be held at
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