

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ Participants will demonstrate knowledge of the basic principals of learning and autism.
- ❖ Participants will implement and monitor behavior plans.
- ❖ Participants will demonstrate knowledge of effective inclusion practices and discuss programs designed to enhance social skills.
- ❖ Participants will design instructional environmental support(s) to facilitate learning.
- ❖ Participants will choose adaptations they feel will be most effective, based on their knowledge of the student and of empirically-valid methods of educating children with autism.



Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Rhode Island is dedicated to serving as a resource to parents and professional who work and live with individuals with ASD.

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## **FEAT/RI 2009 Winter Autism Training Initiative**

Sponsored by:  
Families for Effective Autism Treatment  
of Rhode Island  
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For: Educators, Administrators, Family  
Members, Related Service Providers,  
Evaluation Teams, Advocates,  
Community Agencies

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Trudeau Center  
3445 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886

**The FEAT/RI  
Winter Autism Training Initiative  
is  
FREE!!**

With the incidence of children with autism in RI continuing to rise, & the limited availability of funding for both parents & professionals to access quality training, FEAT/RI is proud to be able to offer the Winter Autism Training Initiative FREE ! Space is limited !

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## FEAT/RI AUTISM TRAINING INITIATIVE:

Children with autism spectrum disorders present unique and challenging needs that require specific focus in their educational programs. While there are common features of autism, there is also great variability in the disorder. There are different teaching techniques and environments that will be more effective for certain children with autism than for others. Therefore, it is essential that school personnel and families work closely together to identify and develop quality programs to address the individual needs of each child. This training initiative provides the opportunity for families and professionals to access several local RI Professionals with extensive backgrounds in educating children with autism in RI utilizing effective research based strategies.

This six part FREE comprehensive training initiative will assist participants in increasing their insight and skill level to develop and implement individually appropriate programs for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.

Throughout the interactive training sessions, video demonstrations will be used, sample materials shared, and techniques will be discussed to share information amongst parents and professionals to build capacity within the entire community to better educate all students with autism. Participants will gain the knowledge necessary to better support individuals with autism, not only in their classrooms, but also in their communities.

## SESSION TOPICS:

All Session run from 4:30-6:30pm

- ➡ Session 1: Introduction to Basic Principals of Learning & Autism
- ➡ Session 2: Implementing & Monitoring Behavior Plans
- ➡ Session 3: Empirically Validated Methods of Educating Individuals w/ Autism
- ➡ Session 4: Successful Inclusion
- ➡ Session 5: Social Skills & Peer Tutoring
- ➡ Session 6: Instructional Environmental Supports

**INSTRUCTORS:** Dr. **Andrea Chait** is the Director of Clinical & Educational Services at Pathways Strategic Teaching Center in Warwick, RI. Dr. **Sheila Quinn** is an associate professor of psychology at Salve University. **Breta Combs** is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Special Education teacher for South Kingstown School Department. All have over ten years of experience working with individuals with disabilities. Other select professionals from the community will also be instructing the winter session.

**Registration Deadline  
December 20, 2008**

## REGISTRATION: (please print)

(\*Unless you have received a confirmation email or letter with a confirmation number. You are not registered. No phone or email registrations accepted).

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### CONTINUING EDUCATION:

\* Upon Completion of attending all of the sessions of the FEAT/RI Autism Training Initiative, participants will be awarded a certificate of completion that lists each training attended. For professionals, RI Department of Education Professional Development Credits will be available.

\* **Space is limited.** If registration capacity is reached, you will be notified **via telephone and/or email** that the Autism Training Initiative is full. **Please include a current daytime telephone number and email where you can be reached.** Future Autism Training Initiative dates to be announced.

**Send registration to:**

**FEAT/RI**

**Attn: ATI**

**P.O. Box 8460**

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