

**CARD-Albany's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Statewide Conference sessions are now available on a 5-set DVD. The set contains the following presentations:**

**The Autism Spectrum: From Assessment to Treatment**

This presentation will provide an overview of the autism spectrum disorders, how to assess and diagnose them, and various effective intervention strategies. Celine Saulnier, Ph.D.

**Promoting Speech and Language in Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder are being identified earlier and earlier in development. This diagnostic trend is helpful for the child, as well as for parents and professionals providing therapeutic intervention. This session will provide an overview of speech and language development. In addition, strategies for intervention during early childhood to target speech and language will be provided.

Dana Battaglia, M.Phil., CCC-SLP

**Brain, Biology, and Behavior: Understanding the Neurologic Basis of Autism**

In addition to the core disorders, children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) experience co-morbid conditions like ADHD, OCD, intellectual disability, and sensory differences. Many hypotheses have been proposed to explain the findings seen in these children. This presentation will review some of these theories including toxic brain damage (e.g., from immunizations and heavy metals), "male brain", failure of synaptic pruning, and failure of the mirroring system. The ways in which these insights can improve the diagnoses and management of children with ASD will be addressed

Gregory Liptak, M.D.

**Interactive Solutions: Technology as a Piece to the Asperger's Puzzle**

This session will focus on ways technology can be used to address instructional, social, and behavioral needs of students with autism spectrum disorder, especially those with Asperger's. Demonstrations of particular hardware, software, and web-based applications will be featured as well as current research-efforts to better understand impact.

Sean J. Smith, Ph.D.

**Understanding Best Practices in the Treatment of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

A significant need exists for identifying and using evidence-based interventions for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Successful outcomes occur when research-based practices are designed to support the needs of individual students. This presentation will outline how best to identify, use, and evaluate effective interventions for students with ASD.

Presenter: Kristin V. Christodulu, Ph.D.

**Using Video iPods to Teach Critical Skills to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

In this workshop, participants will learn to prepare materials and implement video-based instruction using iPods and desktop computer software.

Presenters: Jesse Johnson, Ed.D. & Toni Van Laarhoven, Ed.D.

**Incentives for Change: Motivating People with ASD to Learn and Gain Independence**

This session will provide a basic overview of the concepts of motivation and reinforcement as they apply to individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and offer systematic strategies for caregivers and educators to build motivation and encourage learning.

Presenter: Lara Delmolino, Ph.D., BCBA

**Developing and Fostering Social Development for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders within Public Education**

A review of typical school-based practices suggests that school districts are falling short in facilitating the social development of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs). This seminar highlights and explains the social interaction difficulties children with ASD commonly experience and provides school personnel with evidence-based approaches to enhance the social development of these students within public education settings.

Presenter: David Meichenbaum, Ph.D.

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