



# CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES

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## ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SKILLS IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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One of the defining characteristics of autism spectrum disorders is a difficulty in the domain of social functioning. Whether individuals seem oblivious to social stimuli, lack initiation skills, or have difficulty maintaining an appropriate conversation, if social development is not specifically addressed while a child is in school, the long term quality of life outcome is poor. These 2 seminars are designed to address the specific social differences affecting children and youth with autism spectrum disorders, how these characteristics can impact academic achievement and social success, and strategies parents, school and community professionals can utilize to teach appropriate social skills in a variety of settings.

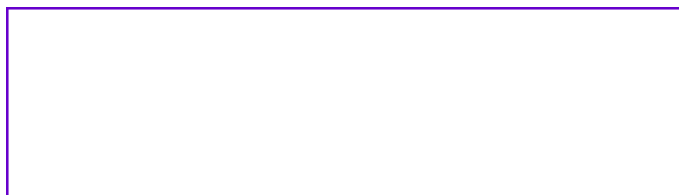
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**8:30am– 11:30am:** Seminar 1- identifying social differences, impact on functioning, useful assessment tools

**11:30am-12:30am:** Lunch (on your own)

**12:30pm-3:30pm:** Seminar 2- skills to teach at different developmental levels, strategies to teach skills in various settings

\* These seminars are offered AT NO COST to participants living within New York State through a grant from the New York State Education Department\*



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Due to space limitations, preregistration is **REQUIRED** for this event. To register, complete the attached form and return it to the address below.

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