### CONFERENCE AGENDA

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 · HOLIDAY INN SYRACUSE/LIVERPOOL · SYRACUSE, NY**

**Target audience:** School Personnel including General and Special Education Teachers, School Administrators, Social Workers, School Psychologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Related-Service Providers, Paraprofessionals, Community Professionals, Parents and Family Members who live or work with individuals on the autism spectrum.

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<td>Keynote Presentation: Understanding and Managing the Anxious Behaviors of Children and Adolescents with Autism</td>
<td>Audrey Blakeley Smith, Ph.D. and Judy Reaven, Ph.D.</td>
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<td>This session will provide an overview of anxiety symptoms that commonly co-occur in children/adolescents with ASD along with a discussion of the vulnerabilities that place youth with ASD at a greater risk for these symptoms. A cognitive behavioral treatment approach to reduce anxiety in youth with ASD (Facing your Fears) will be described. Modifications for adolescents, and youth with ASD/intellectual and developmental disabilities will be presented, along with suggestions for implementing this program in school settings.</td>
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REGISTRANT INFORMATION

NAME

TITLE (PARENT, TEACHER, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, etc.)

SCHOOL DISTRICT/AGENCY

ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS

WORK ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTY

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS (CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS)

BREAKOUT SESSION CHOICES

Seating is limited. Please rank your choices from 1 (highest/most preferred) to 4 (lowest/least preferred) in order of preference for each time slot.

Session One:
1. 1-A: Learn to Play, Play to Learn
2. 1-B: Role of Choice and Preference
4. 1-D: Executive Functioning Strategies

Session Two:
1. 2-A: Literacy Skill Development
2. 2-B: Naturalistic Communication
3. 2-C: Self Management: Systematic Interventions
4. 2-D: Strategies to Motivate

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration and Payment Received:

Before 4/6/18 After 4/6/18
NYS Resident $65 $80
Out of State Resident $90 $105

Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch

CONTINUING EDUCATION

☐ CTLE Credits* $15
☐ NASP Credits** $15
☐ NYS Social Worker*** $15
☐ ASHA Credits**** $15

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BREAKOUT SESSION ONE 12:45PM-2:00PM

1-A  Learn to Play, Play to Learn
Presenter: Dana Reinecke, Ph.D., BCBA-D
This presentation will focus on the importance of play as a basis for learning in other areas, including language and social skills. The session will discuss how to select age-appropriate play skills as targets and strategies for teaching independent and social play skills. The relevance of play to other areas of functioning will be discussed, including practical examples. The use of play in teaching will also be addressed.

1-B  The Role of Choice and Preference on Learning and Socialization in Students with ASD
Presenter: Kathleen Dyer, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCBA-D
Being able to make choices and have control over aspects of one’s life is essential to personal liberty and happiness. However, having an opportunity to and being able to express choices can be severely compromised in the lives of persons with ASD. This session provides participants with practical strategies for teaching individuals with ASD how to communicate choices, and how to provide opportunities to exercise choice to improve learning and socialization with their teachers, peers and families.

Presenters: Jamie Salter, Ed.S, BCBA and Katharine Croce, Ed.D., BCBA-D
The National Autism Centers’ National Standards Project has identified 14 “established” treatments; one of which is self-monitoring. This session will explore peer-reviewed research that supports the implementation of self monitoring systems for individuals with autism of various ages and developmental levels. A discussion of self-monitoring procedures incorporating a “match” component will be presented as well.

1-D  Executive Functioning Strategies to Keep Individuals with ASD Organized and On-Target *NEW TOPIC*
Presenter: Kristin S. Knapp-Ines, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Executive functions are the cognitive tasks that allow us to plan, organize, initiate, attend to task, and regulate and monitor behavior. They are the key building blocks to learning! In this training, participants will learn how challenges with executive functions can impact academic achievement and social success. Participants will learn about how strategies to create supports to help teach executive functioning skills.

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO 2:15PM—3:30PM

2-A  Literacy Skill Development: Creating a Balanced Literacy Program that Supports Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Presenter: Susan Whittaker, Ed.D.
Effective literacy skills enhances the quality of life for all individuals, including those with autism spectrum disorder. Literacy skills are necessary for reading and writing. They include awareness of the sounds of language and the relationship between letters and sounds. Other literacy skills include vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension. This presentation will emphasize key strategies to support a comprehensive literacy program.

2-B  Naturalistic Communication Enhancement Strategies
Presenter: Kathleen Dyer, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCBA-D
Impairment in communication is one of the core deficits in persons with ASD, and difficulties in this area can lead to problem behavior and isolation from regular community experiences. This session discusses strategies to teach students with ASD to request their preferred activities, and clarify misunderstandings. Included are guidelines for instruction of students who communicate in various modes, including gestural, vocal and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Participants will learn to techniques to assess, teach, and generalize these communication skills, with examples provided in school, community, and home settings.

Presenters: Jamie Salter, Ed.S, BCBA and Katharine Croce, Ed.D., BCBA-D
By systematically teaching children how to engage in more pro-social behaviors, they are able to better access learning and develop stronger relationships with others, leading to a better quality of life. This interactive and hands-on session will provide an opportunity to learn how to develop well-defined, systematic self-monitoring interventions and motivational systems. Participants will strengthen their knowledge of necessary considerations prior to implementing self-monitoring interventions and participants will leave this workshop with a comprehensive tool in hand to implement.

2-D  Strategies to Motivate: Using Positive Approaches to Teach Social, Academic, and Daily Living Skills to Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders *NEW TOPIC*
Presenter: Melissa Rinaldi, Ph.D.
This session will focus on the basic theories of motivation, basic principles of reinforcement, and how these theories and principles can be applied to increase motivation in school-age individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Discussions will include ways to teach, reinforce, and motivate to develop social, academic, and daily living skills in a variety of settings.

Session objectives, target audience, instructor financial and nonfinancial disclosure statements, and speaker bios can be found on our website: www.albany.edu/autism/conferences_annual.php
Promoting Best Practices and Enhancing Quality of Life for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Friday, April 20, 2018
7:30 am - 3:30 pm

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