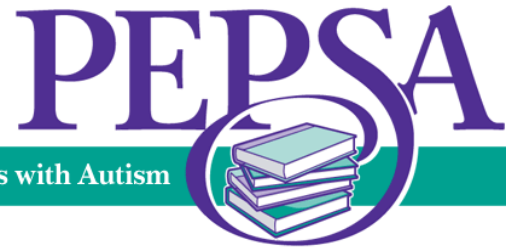




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Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism

Fort Walton Beach, Florida

BUILDING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS: A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO TEACHING SOCIAL INTERACTION SKILLS TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Presented by Dr. Scott Bellini

February 28, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST)
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. (CST)

Emerald Coast Conference Center
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

About the Presenter

Scott Bellini, PhD, is the Assistant Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA) and an Assistant Professor of School Psychology at Indiana University, Bloomington. He is also the Director of the newly formed Social Skills Research Center (SSRC), a university based center specializing in developing and empirically examining the outcomes of social skill interventions for youth with ASD. He is a licensed psychologist in the state of Indiana and an endorsed Health Services Provider in Psychology. He is currently conducting research on professional development outcomes for educators, anxiety disorders, and social skill interventions, including video modeling for youth with ASD. He has published numerous research manuscripts and has provided consultation and training to families and professionals in over 25 states on the topic of social skills programming for students with ASD. He is the author of the book, *Building Social Relationships*, which was named the 2007 Literary Work of the Year by the Autism Society of America.

Training Description

The workshop will provide an overview of a social skill instructional model developed by Dr. Bellini. The workshop integrates research on social-emotional functioning with effective strategies for teaching social skills to children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The five-step model provides a systematic and comprehensive framework to guide parents and practitioners in the development and implementation of social skills programming.

Training Objectives

- Increase knowledge of social and emotional functioning
- Increase awareness of the relationship between social skill deficits and social anxiety
- Develop skills necessary to assess social functioning
- Increase awareness of skill acquisition versus performance deficits
- Increase awareness of available social skill strategies
- Develop skills necessary to implement social skills strategies

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION

From the East:

Drive West on I-10 towards Destin/Fort Walton Beach.
Turn South onto US-331.
Turn West onto US-98 (Miracle Strip Parkway).

From the West:

Drive East on US-98 (Miracle Strip Parkway).

Be sure to contact your ESE District Staff or Staff Development Contact to determine the process for receiving in-service.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*****REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY*****

DEADLINE: February 22, 2008

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