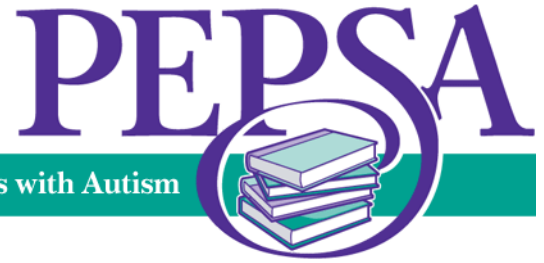




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Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism

Jupiter, Florida

THE 3RD ANNUAL FAMILY CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

Presented by Dr. Robert Naseef

April 25, 2009
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
(Registration begins at 8:00am)

Florida Atlantic University MacArthur Campus
5353 Parkside Dr.
Jupiter, FL 33458

About the Presenter

Dr. Robert Naseef is a psychologist in independent practice in Philadelphia and a consultant to numerous schools and human service organizations. He has a broad background of experience in both education and psychology. He is a native Philadelphian and a graduate of Temple University. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Autistic Children. *Special Children, Challenged Parents: The Struggles and Rewards of Parenting a Child With a Disability*, his first book, is receiving local and national recognition. You will notice that he has "a foot in each world" because he himself is the father of a child with autism. He has a special interest and expertise in the psychology of men and fatherhood. Through his experiences as both a parent and as a professional, Bob is able to relate effectively to both audiences and is a sought after speaker at conferences around the country. Rabbi Harold Kushner, the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, has endorsed the forthcoming paperback edition of *Special Children, Challenged Parents*. In Rabbi Kushner's words, "Writing with the wisdom of a mental health professional and the compassion of a loving father, Dr. Naseef has given us a book that will instruct and inspire us all."

Training Description

Dr. Robert Naseef will use his personal and professional experiences to explore the emotional and developmental challenges for both special needs children and their parents. Dr. Naseef will present information and tools for developing and maintaining an emotionally healthy family when the family includes a child with autism or a related disability. In addition, professionals as well as parents will explore the roadblocks to collaboration as well as strategies to overcome those difficulties. One of the presentation's objectives is to help professionals and parents to understand each other and work together more effectively. Topics covered will include understanding and coping with the challenges of everyday life, the special needs of mothers and fathers, issues facing siblings, working as a couple to raise a child with special needs, reducing stress, and the meaning of acceptance.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION

From I-95 exit Donald Ross Rd. and go east. Turn left at the 2nd light (Parkside Dr.). Turn right into the 2nd entrance of the parking lot. Turn left into the parking and you can park anywhere in that lot. The AD building is the 1st building on the left.

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: April 20, 2009

Register online at
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