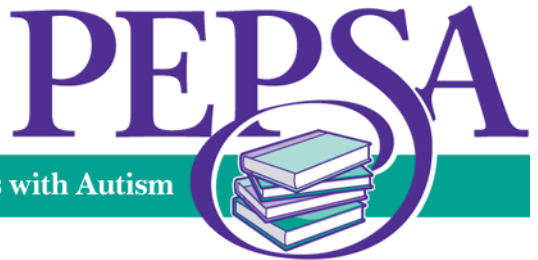




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Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism

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DEVELOPING LITERACY IN STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Presented by: Erin Swenson

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February 13, 2009
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Registration begins at 8:15 am

Bank of America Corporate Building
9000 Southside Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32256

About the Presenter

Erin Swenson is a teacher for a self-contained autism classroom in Clay County public schools. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Central Florida. She was previously employed with the University of Florida in Jacksonville's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities as an Educational Coordinator, where she provided supports to educators and families of students with autism spectrum disorders.

Training Description

During this workshop, participants will learn how to increase the reading and writing skills of children with autism spectrum disorders. This presentation will focus on the development of skills for early learners who are reading and writing within the Kindergarten to 2nd Grade levels. Participants will learn how to capitalize on students' unique interests and strengths in order to deliver effective and meaningful instruction. Topics presented will include how to evaluate a student's reading skills through assessment, how to drive reading instruction based on assessment data, types of assessments available for use, an overview of the types of reading skills important in the overall development of literacy, demonstrations of strategies which may be used in the classroom or at home when systematically teaching specific reading skills, and how to incorporate behavior analytic principles within reading instruction in order to best meet students' educational needs. Participants will learn about the following reading skills and ways to teach these skills to students with autism spectrum disorders: phonological awareness, print awareness, basic phonics and decoding, understanding of advanced phonics rules, fluency, basic and applied comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary. In addition, participants will learn helpful strategies for developing sentence and story-writing skills for students.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION

The Bank of America Corporate Building is located on Southside Blvd, across from Target and Home Depot.

From I-295 S: Merge onto I-95N, exit 61B toward Jacksonville. Merge onto Southside BLVD/FL- 115S via exit 340. Turn right. From the North, on 9A South: Take the SR-113/Southside connector toward Merrill Road. Merge onto FL113/Southside Connector Blvd. Merge onto Southside Connector Blvd. Southside Connector Blvd becomes FL-115 S/Southside BLVD. Keep right at the fork to go on Southside Blvd.

For directions from your residence, go to www.mapquest.com.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY
DEADLINE: February 10, 2009
(registration may close before this date if all available slots are filled)

Register online at
www.doepartnership.org/training.asp

For more information contact:
CARD at (904)633-0760



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