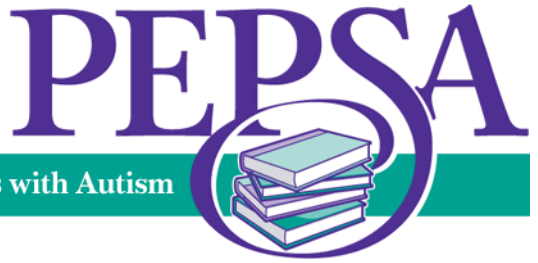




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Sarasota, Florida

A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR THE ASPERGER SYNDROME JOURNEY

Presented by Gena P. Barnhill, Ph.D., NCSP

August 10, 2010
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
(Registration begins at 8:30 am)

Sarasota High School
1000 South School Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34237

About the Presenter

Gena P. Barnhill, Ph.D., NCSP, author of Right Address ... Wrong Planet: Children with Asperger Syndrome Becoming Adults and coauthor with Press Barnhill of Parents of Children with Disabilities: A Survival Guide for Fathers and Mothers, is an assistant professor of special education at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia and coordinator of the Autism Certificate Program. Previously, she was an autism coordinator and school psychologist for the North Kansas City School District in Kansas City, MO. Gena is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and mother of an adult son with Asperger syndrome. She has worked with children with special needs in medical and educational settings for over 30 years as a registered nurse, school counselor and school psychologist. In addition to publishing over 25 articles in peer-reviewed journals, she has presented on autism and Asperger syndrome at over 100 conferences, including the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the Autism Society of America's (ASA) annual conventions, and the Network of Autism Training and Technical Assistance Programs (NATTAP) conference. Dr. Barnhill serves on the Virginia Autism Council.

Training Description

With the current increased prevalence of autism spectrum disorders (ASD), educators are faced with numerous requests from families to provide effective strategies for their children diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome (AS) and high functioning autism (HFA). This 2- part presentation will begin with a focus on the unique characteristics of AS, the impact of AS on the family, a brief overview of evidence-based interventions for this population and the rationale for the need for direct social skills instruction. The second part of the presentation will focus specifically on how to implement Social Stories, Power Cards and Social Skills Training groups.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION

From US 41

- Head to Bahia Vista St
• Turn left on School Ave

From I-75

- Exit #210
• Head west on Fruitville Rd
• Head south on Honore Ave
• Head east on Bahia Vista St
• Turn right on School Ave

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