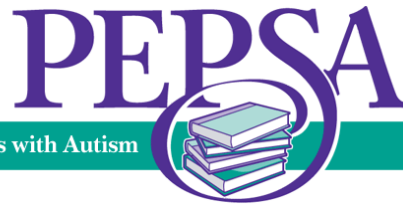




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Tallahassee, Florida

## ARE WE THINKING OUT OF THE BOX?

Presented by Marijane Bethel, M.S., CCC/SLP and Kim Coppola, M.A.

December 10, 2010  
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (Registration 8:00 AM)

TCC Center for Workforce Development  
444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304

### About the Presenters

**Marijane Bethel, M.S., CCC/SLP**, has provided services in the public schools for 25 years in itinerant, cooperative, collaborative and inclusive delivery models for a diverse population of speech/language impaired students. Ms. Bethel began her journey into the area of autism over fifteen years ago when she was a member of a Pre Kindergarten diagnostic team that provided in-depth evaluations. Upon moving to Central Florida in 2001, she was given the opportunity to continue her journey into autism by working as a Speech/Language Pathologist who delivers services exclusively to students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) within the Orange County Public School system. In her position she has delivered services to students (ages 3-16) along the continuum of ASD as well as mentored other Speech/Language Pathologists in the school system. Ms. Bethel has presented statewide on a variety of topics related to providing services to students with ASD.

**Kim Coppola, M.A. in Varying Exceptionalities with an emphasis on autism**, has been teaching students with disabilities for ten years. For the past eight years, she has taught students with autism spectrum disorder as an autism resource teacher at Thornebrooke Elementary in Orange County Public Schools. During her last eight summers Ms. Coppola has worked at Camp LeeMar, a special needs summer camp in Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania, providing social skill and academic instruction to campers ages 6 to 23 with varying exceptionalities. Teaching individuals with autism is her passion and her special interests include social skill instruction and reading instruction for individuals with High Functioning Autism (HFA) and Asperger Syndrome (AS). To further her knowledge and provide a program for teaching social 'thinking' skills to students with HFA and AS, she helped develop and implement a four week summer 'Social Thinking Camp' to students ages seven to fourteen. It is her belief that all children can learn and high expectations are important. Ms. Coppola has presented locally, statewide and nationally on a variety of topics related to teaching academic as well as social skills to individuals with ASD.

### Training Description

Direct social skills instruction is a critical feature in programs for students with autism spectrum disorders. Join us as we discuss and demonstrate practical approaches for maximizing instructional time and innovations to maintain high levels of student engagement during social skills instruction. Resources will be provided that enable teachers to replicate instructional materials and strategies. The presenters have over 25 years combined experience working directly with students with ASD in a school setting. Their direct work with individuals with ASD, classroom teachers, ESE teachers/staff, parents, and other school professionals within the school setting give them a unique perspective regarding the needs of the students, parents, other school professionals and personnel.

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### DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION

Tallahassee Community College, Center for Workforce Development is located on the west side of Tallahassee at 444 Appleyard Drive, between Pensacola Street (S. R. 366) and Tennessee Street (U. S. 90). [Go to TCC Google Maps](#)

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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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DEADLINE: December 3, 2010**

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