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Panama City, Florida

A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING: MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF AUTISM IN DAILY LIFE

Presented by: James Williams

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Registration begins at 5:30 PM

Bay County Library

898 West 11th Street

Panama City, FL 32401

About the Presenter

James Williams was born on August 20, 1988, in New York City. After being diagnosed with autism at the age of three, he received a series of early interventions and therapies which made him into the person he is today. He is the author of the book *OUT TO GET JACK*, a novel about a boy with autism. In addition, he serves on the board of directors for Camp ROCKS, an autism camp for individuals with autism aged 10-17. He has also been presenting nationwide on autism since 1999. You can read archived presentations and essays he has written for free at his website, www.jamesmw.com.

Training Description

James Williams, diagnosed with autism at an early age, will discuss how individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are sometimes misjudged by society. He will discuss three different perceptions that lead to these misjudgments which can impact the life of someone with an ASD. These perceptions are behavior, motive, and context. For all three, James will use pop culture, metaphors, and other examples to describe these misperceptions. He will sprinkle in a bit of entertainment, humor, and examples from his own life. James will give his audience a refreshing way to understand and perceive those with ASD to result in more successful interactions. In James' own words, "people with autism need to be met halfway--helped to understand how they are judged, while other people understand how people judge them, and their own unique reasons for why they behave the way they do."

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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DEADLINE: January 5, 2011

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