

Eagle Lake, Florida

ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF AN EFFECTIVE PARAPROFESSIONAL OF STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Presented by Mayra Ruiz Camacho, Ph.D, BCBA

January 20, 2011 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Registration begins at 8:00 am) First Baptist Church 2500 S. US Highway 17 Eagle Lake, FL 33839

About the Presenter

Mayra Ruiz Camacho, Ph.D, BCBA, earned her degree in Exceptional Education from the University Central Florida in summer of 2007. She has been working with individuals with special needs since 1994 in a variety of settings including private and group homes, organizations, and in the classroom, where she worked as an exceptional education teacher of students in the autism spectrum for six years. Dr. Ruiz Camacho earned her Board Certification in Behavior Analysis in 2004 and has worked in the assessment and treatment of problem behaviors since then. In addition, she has conducted numerous training workshops locally and at state, national, and international conferences, both in English and Spanish, for families and professionals in the field. Dr. Ruiz Camacho currently serves as an Assistant Professor and as the Director of Student Teaching for the Ross College of Education at Lynn University, she is also an active member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD), Division on Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (DDEL), and the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis (FABA), among other organizations.

Training Description

This presentation will assist paraprofessionals of students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) by providing them with essential keys for success. It will review ASD and suggest what the roles of a paraprofessional look like in a multi-disciplinary team while maintaining an effective relation with the teacher(s). The training will review ethical practices, supporting instructional planning and implementing modification strategies. In conjunction, attendees will learn to promote age-appropriate social interactions while preventing and reducing challenging behaviors. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about each essential feature, discuss how it applies to them, and engage in activities that will help them better understand each concept.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION Take Interstate 4 to Polk Parkway (Exit 27) toward *****REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY***** Lakeland/Winter Haven. Go 12.6 miles to SR 540 E (Exit **DEADLINE: January 14, 2010** 14) toward Winter Haven. Go 8.1 miles. Turn right onto US **Registration Capacity: 60** 17/SR 555 S. Go 1.7 miles **Register online at** www.doepartnership.org/trainings.asp For door to door directions, visit http://www.mapquest.com/ Polk County employees must <u>ALSO</u> register on the PDS *Be sure to contact your ESE District Staff or Staff Development* Scheduler on the Polk County Website Contact to determine the process for receiving in-service. www.Polk-Fl.net For more information contact: Tanisha Dobney - 813-974-3126 or ttclarke@usf.edu

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