

Jacksonville, Florida

AUTISM: A LANGUAGE DISORDER

Presented by: David Childers, M.D. Funded by: PEPSA, CARD, FDLRS-Crown, and Duval Schools

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9:00 am – 10:30 am Registration begins at 8:30 am

Shands Charter Theater

Towers, 2nd Floor 580 West 8th Street Jacksonville, FL 32209

About the Presenter

Dr. Childers is a fellowship-trained neurodevelopmental pediatrician, and is board-certified in both Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics as well as General Pediatrics. He has been with the University Of Florida College Of Medicine, Jacksonville since 2002 and has served as Chief of the Division of Developmental Pediatrics since 2009.

Training Description

Autism is both a Language Disorder, and Disordered Language. This presentation will focus on "functional" Receptive Language as the key to understanding behaviors, attention, judgment and comprehension. A specific delineation between "rote" and "functional" Receptive Language is critical to addressing the issues present in Autistic Spectrum Disorders. A review of the critical milestones of language, and the critical shift from "rote" to "functional" language as key developmental attainments will be discussed.

Training Objectives

As a result of this session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Understand the developmental trajectory of functional versus rote language milestones.
- 2. Assess the importance of identifying and working with a child at the level of the "functional Receptive Language."
- 3. Explain the differential developmental profile of Visual-Spatial Problem Solving versus functional Receptive Language as a basis for the failure to access available language for behavior modulation.
- 4. Understand autism as a language disorder manifested as behaviors rather than as a behavior disorder.

Registration Information: REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY

DEADLINE: June 11, 2012 Limited to first 150 participants

Register online at http://doepartnership.fmhi.usf.edu/trainings.cfm

For more information contact: Autumn Ohnimus at: autumn.ohnimus@jax.ufl.edu or 904-633-0801

Directions:

Shands Jacksonville is located on 8th Street in downtown Jacksonville. See below for detailed directions and a map of the facility. The Charter Theater is located in Towers, which are located across the street from Shands Hospital.

Dining options are located in the Towers, with a variety of beverages and entrees.

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