

**FAU Center for Autism and
Related Disabilities**

What is the PEERS® Curriculum for School-Based Professionals and How Can I Implement the Model to Teach Ecologically Valid Social Skills to Students with ASD?

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About the Presenter

Cheryl Checkers, MS, LMHC, NCC, CCMHC is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, National Certified Counselor and National Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor in private practice where she specializes in the treatment of adolescents and adults with ASD and comorbid mental health diagnoses, parent education and support and professional consultation. In addition, Cheryl is a clinical consultant for Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. She holds advanced certifications as a Clinical Anxiety Treatment Professional and Clinical Trauma Professional and has over 20 years of experience working with adolescents and adults with ASD and mental health diagnoses.

Training Description

Target Audience: (Mental/Behavioral Health Therapist & Providers, Educators, Clinicians, Professionals)

Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational skills PEERS® is an evidence-based treatment program developed by UCLA to teach adolescents with ASD how to make and keep friends. Topics that are addressed over the course of treatment include: conversational skills, finding common interests, reciprocal conversation, nonverbal communication, electronic communication, safety, choosing friends, extracurricular activities, appropriate use of humor, get-togethers, good sportsmanship, peer rejection, teasing & bullying, changing a bad reputation, and peer conflict.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to consider, identify, and implement:

- Participants will demonstrate understanding of the PEERS model, the evidence supporting the model, and the benefit for adolescents with ASD.
- Participants will be provided the instruction and support to implement the PEERS model in the educational setting.
- Participants will receive instruction on how to implement both daily and weekly PEERS lesson formats.

Date:

August 8, 2022

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Registration is open!

Location:

St. Lucie School District Board Room

9461 Brandywine Lane

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Registration Deadline:

August 7, 2022

Limited to first 250 participants

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Registration is mandatory. Once registered, you will receive a link to view the presentation online.

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