

## Social Skills Activities for Children with ASD

**Presented by: Joel Shaul, LCSW**

**Hosted by: UF-Gainesville CARD**

### About the Presenter

Joel Shaul, LCSW is a mental health specialist living in Pittsburgh, PA. Since 2011, he has presented professional workshops, in the United States and Europe, on social-emotional teaching and therapy strategies. Joel's workshop teaching is backed up by dozens of clear, visual social skills kits that are available for free download from his website, [autismteachingstrategies.com](http://autismteachingstrategies.com). He is the author of six illustrated children's books, published by Jessica Kingsley, on social communication, social skills, and emotional regulation for children with ASDs, including *The Conversation Train* and *The Green Zone Conversation Book*.

### Training Description

**Target Audience:** Educators, Administrators, SLPs, OTs, PTs, & Family Members

Social skills kits for students with ASD. This day-long session aims to equip educators, speech-language pathologists and school-based mental health professionals with abundant, ready-to-use lessons, activities, and games that they can use immediately in their classrooms and offices. Each participant will be shown how to access Joel's website, [autismteachingstrategies.com](http://autismteachingstrategies.com), and to download and use at least 20 free printout games, activities, worksheets, PowerPoints, and lessons on the topics of social interaction, social communication, and emotional regulation. The presenter will clearly explain the materials, and in short, practical breakout sessions participants will practice using a number of them. Among the many games and activities featured are: card activities and worksheets to promote learning about peers; picture card-matching activities to help find common ground in conversation; hands-on activities to troubleshoot some basic elements of interaction; engaging activities to explore difficult emotions and how to cope with them. The material presented is applicable for cooperative, verbal children with ASD ages 6 to young adult.

### Training Objectives

1. Attendees will examine activities to enhance social communication.
2. Attendees will examine resources to troubleshoot challenges with social skills and emotional regulation.

At the completion of the event, participants will receive one of the presenter's books.

### Date:

July 27, 2023

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Check-in begins at 8:30am.

### Location:

College of Central Florida  
Webber Center and Gallery  
3001 SW College Road  
Ocala, FL 34474

### Registration Deadline:

June 26, 2023

Limited to the first 60 in-person participants.

[Register Online](#)

*Registration is mandatory.*

### For more information

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