

Davie, Florida

**ISSUES IN AUTISM:** 

# **INCORPORATING SOCIAL LEARNING CONCEPTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY**

Presented by: Kimberly Coppola, Laura Haratine & Marisa Erhart

**April 6, 2013** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Nova Southeastern University HPD Building Hull Auditorium Room #2105 3200 S. University Drive, Davie, FL

#### **About the Presenters**

**Kimberly Coppola,** M.A., is an autism resource teacher at Thornebrooke Elementary School in Orange County Public Schools and one of the codirectors of the Secret Social Spy Academy camp, a social skills group focusing on "Social Thinking" for students with high functioning autism & Asperger's syndrome. She also co-created the website, <u>autism4teachers.com</u>.

**Laura Haratine,** M.A., BCBA, is a behavior specialist at Audubon Park Elementary in Orange County Schools, one of the co-directors of the Secret Social Spy Academy camp, and co-creator of the website <u>autism4teachers.com</u>.

**Marisa Erhart,** M.A., SLP, is a speech-language pathologist for Orange County Public Schools & one of the co-directors of the Secret Social Spy Academy camp.

### **Training Description**

This presentation is designed primarily for educators working with students with high-functioning autism or Asperger's syndrome who are supported in the general education environment from elementary through middle/high school (approaches may also be used with some students in ASD classes). The workshop represents work and materials that address social skills instruction as it relates to social cognition. Adaptations of current evidenced based curricula will be presented along with key components and supporting teacher-made adaptations. Examples: using visual supports, assistive technology, and interactive whiteboards.

## **Training Objectives**

As a result of this training, participants will:

- understand how to better assess pragmatic skills to determine specific areas of strength and weakness
- describe and use at least three strategies for improving pragmatic skills & social interactions with peers
- · develop strategies to teach abstract social concepts in a concrete way
- demonstrate how to use existing technology tools to enhance social skills instruction

*Registration Information:* **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY** DEADLINE: March 20, 2013 Limited to first 200 participants

Register online at: www.doepartnership.org/trainings.cfm

**For more information contact: Lezonne Codner** at 954-262-7111 or <u>lezonne@nova.edu</u>

#### **Directions:**

From Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport:

Take 1-595 West to the University Drive. Exit; Go south to S.W. 30<sup>th</sup> Street; Turn Left & make an immediate Right into the Health Professionals Division Complex.

From I-95 (North or South), or Florida's Turnpike (North or South):

Take I-95 to I-595 westbound; Proceed on I-595 to the University Drive. Exit; Go south to S.W. 30<sup>th</sup> Street; Turn left and make an immediate Right into the Health Professions Division Complex

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