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A SOCIAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD: THE UCLA PEERS® PROGRAM

Presented by: Elizabeth Laugeson, Psy.D.

March 22, 2013

8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Registration begins at 8:00 am

University of Miami

Newman Alumni Center
Multipurpose Rooms
6200 San Amaro Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146

About the Presenter

Elizabeth Laugeson Psy.D. is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. Dr. Laugeson is the Founder and Director of the UCLA PEERS® Clinic, which is an outpatient program providing parent-assisted social skills training for adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorders and other social impairments. Dr. Laugeson has presented her research at international conferences throughout the world and has been featured on national and international media outlets.

Training Description

The UCLA Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS®) is a manualized, 14 week social skills training intervention for adolescents and young adults. PEERS® targets social skills such as entering and exiting conversations, choosing friends, and handling disagreements, rumors, and gossip. The parent component focuses on how to assist their child in making and keeping friends by providing feedback through coaching. It has a strong evidence-base for use with teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorders, but is also appropriate for teens and young adults with ADHD, anxiety, depression, and other socio-emotional problems.

Training Objectives

As a result of this training, participants will:

- learn about the friendship difficulties common to adolescents with autism spectrum disorders
- become familiar with how to administer the PEERS® intervention to parents and teens
- be able to describe results of research on outcomes of the PEERS® clinical intervention

Registration Information:

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY

DEADLINE: March 18, 2013

Limited to first 250 participants

Register online at

www.doepartnership.org/trainings.cfm

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Directions:

From I-95 or US-1 (North)

Take I-95 South to US 1 South and continue to South Alhambra Circle. Turn Right onto S. Alhambra Circle. You will be facing the Ponce de Leon Garage. To continue to the Alumni Center, turn Left onto Ponce de Leon and then right on San Amaro Drive. Turn left onto Brecia Ave to access parking directly behind the building.

From US-1 (South)

Take US-1 North to South Alhambra Circle. Turn Left onto S. Alhambra Circle. You will be facing the Ponce de Leon Garage. Follow directions above to park at the Alumni Center.

From the Palmetto (826) (North or South)

Take 826 to the Miller Drive exit. Proceed EAST on Miller Drive to 57th Ave (Red Road). Turn Right onto Red Road. Turn Left onto Brecia Ave to access Alumni Center Parking directly behind the building. To continue to the Ponce Garage, turn Right onto San Amaro and Left onto Ponce de Leon. The Garage will be on your Left.

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