

# Functional Communication and Play Strategies for Young Children with ASD

**Presented by: Rosie Portera**

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## About the Presenter

Rosie has her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Florida State University. She worked at The Arc of Palm Beach County for over 20 years, where she specialized in program development and implementation for children with a wide range of disabilities. During that time, Rosie founded and served as Principal of Palm Beach County's first conferred Charter School and later established a second school on FAU's Research and Development Park. She completed her career at The Arc as Director of Children and Family Services. In that capacity, she created an innovative early intervention/prevention program, expanded community-based recreational opportunities for children with developmental disabilities, and increased Palm Beach County's Family to Family support network assisting over 3,000 families annually. Rosie has also served as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Martin County School District. There she worked side-by-side with teachers and therapists, providing interventions for children with autism and significant communication deficits. She enjoys working with families and community partners to create new possibilities for children with disabilities. Rosie is the FAU CARD Clinical Specialist for Martin and Okeechobee Counties.

## Training Description

Participants will be able to identify the importance of teaching, supporting, and reinforcing communication skills in young children with ASD.

## Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Learn strategies to facilitate and motivate children to communicate.
- Develop skills to support alternative modes of functional communication.

### When:

March 1-31, 2021

### Where:

Online

### Duration:

Pre-recorded webinar

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