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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AUTISM

Saturday, April 11th, 2015

8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Florida Gulf Coast University
Cohen Center, Estero, FL



PROMISING PATHWAYS

The Road to Best Practice in Autism

A conference for families, educators, and health care professionals addressing autism spectrum disorders.

KEYNOTE

Chantal Sicile-Kira



Chantal Sicile-Kira's passion for empowering others, her love of writing, and her personal interest in autism has led her to become a leader in the field of adolescence and transition to adulthood, and an international speaker and award-winning author of five books.

"If you are accepting of the belief that life can be good even with autism, then your child will think so, too. You are the most important person in your child's life, and you can make them believe that anything is possible." — Chantal Sicile-Kira, A Full Life with Autism

Sicile-Kira first worked with individuals with autism in California and then raised her son Jeremy, who has autism, in three different countries. These experiences give her a perspective few in the field have. Chantal recently founded AutismCollege.com which provides practical information and training on-line for parents and educators.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

On-site Registration & Vendor Exhibits
Cohen Center

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Flow of the Day -Amanda
Hall, WINK News

9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Keynote: Chantal Sicile-Kira
A Full Life with Autism

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Vendor Tables

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions



Participants seeking CEUs must successfully pass an online posttest and attend the full day; partial credit will not be awarded.



The David Lawrence Center* is a co-sponsor of this event and .5 CEUs (5 contact hours) will be available for the following professions at a cost of \$20.00:

Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling and Nursing

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Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling,
Florida Board of Nursing



Working with the Experts is a co-sponsor of this event and CEUs at no cost will be available for the following professionals.

.55 CEUs(5.5 contact hours)- **Physical Therapists** Florida Gulf Coast University, Department of Physical Therapy & Human Performance has been approved by the Florida Board of Physical Therapy to offer continuing education activities and is a co-sponsor of this event.

.55 CEUs(5.5 contact hours)- **Occupational Therapists** Pinellas County Public Schools has been approved by the Florida Occupational Therapy Association (FOTA) to offer continuing education activities and is a co-sponsor of this event.

Please note; In an effort to provide high quality professional development in alignment with Florida's Professional Development System Staff Development Protocol all WWE sponsored CEU participants attending will be required to complete an on line post test and event evaluation. Certificates of attendance noting the required CEUs and/or service points will not be issued until these are completed. For more information on Florida's Professional Development System Staff Development Protocol visit; <http://www.fldoe/profdev/pdstandards.asp>

Speech, Language Pathologists: An agenda and certificate of attendance will be provided which should enable SLPs to self-submit for continuing education units.

Psychologists & School Psychologists: An agenda and certificate of attendance will be provided which should enable psychologists to self-submit for continuing education units.

Teachers: Only district staff development offices are authorized to award in-service points. Certificates of attendance noting the number of contact hours will be provided and participants should work with their district staff development office in advance of attending this event to determine requirements for award of MIPs.