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### Gainesville, FL

## EMBEDDING SELF-ADVOCACY FROM SCHOOL TO ADULTHOOD

Presented by: John Miller    Hosted by UF CARD Gainesville

**June 17, 2016**

10:15 am – 11:45 am  
Registration begins at 10:00 am

**Santa Fe College  
Building S Room 326**

Student Services Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
3000 NW 83 Street  
Gainesville, FL 32606

### Registration Information:

**REGISTRATION IS  
MANDATORY**

**DEADLINE: June 16, 2016**  
Limited to first **90** participants

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### About the Presenter

**John Miller** was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1968. During his childhood, he worked hard to overcome many academic and social obstacles. He decided to get a master's in special education to help young people succeed academically and in life. During this period, he was diagnosed with autism, which answered many questions. For over a decade, he has taught students with varying degrees of autism in various settings. Beyond teaching, he has consulted and created pragmatic and organizational programs for individuals with autism. Presently, he sits on the Florida board of the Autism Society and the Florida Atlantic University CARD Constituency Committee.

### Training Description

Individuals with autism have difficulty expressing and advocating for themselves. The lack of self-advocacy creates situations where individuals are taken advantage of, bullied, and are not able to let anyone know their needs. Mr. Miller will examine why people with autism have difficulty with self-advocacy, the consequences of it, and strategies that will foster such skills.

### Training Objectives

Participants will learn:

- What self-advocating is.
- Why individuals with autism have difficulty self-advocating and how it affects their lives.
- Strategies to teach students with autism self-advocacy skills.

**TARGET AUDIENCE: EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PROFESSIONALS, INDIVIDUALS WITH ASD, & FAMILY MEMBERS**



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