COMMUNICATION SUPPORTS FOR PROBLEM BEHAVIOR
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About the Presenter
Dr. Mirenda is a professor in the Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology and Special Education, and Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism at the University of British Columbia. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a fellow of both the American Speech Language Hearing Association and the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. She has published numerous research articles and chapters and presents frequently at international, national, and regional conferences.

Training Description
This workshop will focus on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) strategies for supporting individuals with autism spectrum disorders who engage in problem behavior. First, a rationale for the use of communication-based strategies to address problem behavior will be provided. Then, examples of augmented input supports such as visual schedules, contingency maps, and wait signals will be discussed with clinical and research examples. Examples of augmented output supports such as choice displays and conversation books will also be included with examples. Finally, functional communication training (FCT) using AAC will be described along with a summary of essential features. Videotaped and case study examples will be used to illustrate the key elements that are required in AAC interventions for problem behavior.

Target Audience: Special Educators, Related Service Personnel, Administrators, Autism Specialists, Family Members

Training Objectives
Participants will be able to:
- Provide a rationale for the use of communication supports for problem behavior.
- Describe the basic elements of visual schedules, contingency maps, and wait signals - with examples of each.
- Define functional communication training and identify four elements that are essential for successful implementation.

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