

## Picture Exchange Communication Systems (PECS) – Level 1

**Presented by: Jo-Anne B. Matteo, MS, CCC-SLP**

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### About the Presenter

Jo-Anne B. Matteo, MS, CCC-SLP, began her career as a public-school speech-language pathologist in Connecticut in 1980. She received her B.A. in Communication Disorders from Southern Connecticut State College in 1979, M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology from Adelphi University in 1980, and an advanced degree in Administration and Supervision from Southern Connecticut State University in 1983. As a special education administrator since 1994, she has been involved in staff and program development. She is the founder of a public school program for preschool and elementary children who present with significant special needs in the areas of communication, cognitive, social, behavioral and motor disabilities. These students have been using PECS to improve functional communication skills while they take part in a classroom that has been implementing the Pyramid Approach to Education. Jo-Anne has worked in this program as the speech-language pathologist and the program coordinator. Jo-Anne has presented extensively at various conferences and workshops to parents and professionals in the areas of speech-language development, functional communication and program design. She is also an active member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

### Training Descriptions

**Target Audience:** Parents and Caregivers, Teachers, Therapists, Paraprofessionals

Are you implementing PECS, but having difficulty due to lack of team training? Do your parents and caregivers need a crash course in ABA? If so, then our workshop, PECS for Parent and Caregivers was designed just for you! This is a condensed one-day PECS training for parents and caregivers who support PECS implementation. Attendees will learn a functional approach to applied behavior analysis called, “The Pyramid Approach to Education”. The workshop involves demonstrations, lecture, video examples and practice opportunities for each of the phases of the PECS protocol. Attendees will learn to implement the 2-Person Prompt Procedure and the 4-Step Error Correction Procedure. Attendees will learn how to create or capture communicative opportunities across the day.

### Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Key components to a functional approach to Applied Behavior Analysis
- Strategies for identifying reinforcers for communication training
- How to implement all six phases of PECS
- How to do the 4-Step Error Correction Procedure

### Date:

November 20, 2024

8:30am-4:00pm

### Location:

Schultz Center

4019 Boulevard Center Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32207

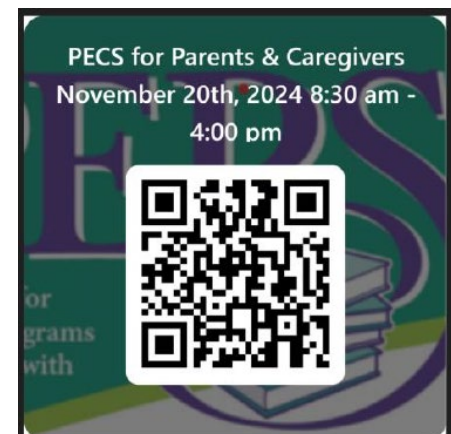
### Registration Deadline:

November 19, 2024

Limited to first 50 participants

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Registration is **REQUIRED**.

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