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Is offering a free training on Autism by Dr. David Meichenbaum

on Friday, March 26, 2010

Allegany Arc's PWI Training Facility Route 417/Andover Road, Wellsville

This day breaks down into several specific workshop type classes where you'll learn specific strategies and goals for working with children with Autism.

9:00-11:30 am - Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders and Evidence-Based Treatments

Seminar Description: This training provides up-to-date information on the clinical and associated features of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), including Asperger's Disorder and PDD-NOS. Attention will be given to how these features manifest themselves and present unique instructional and learning challenges within education settings. The training goes beyond the core features of the disorders and covers evidence-based strategies for helping children and adolescents with ASDs.

Target Audience: General and special education teachers, related service providers (speech/language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, counselors, social workers, and school psychologists), administrators, CPSE & CSE Chairpersons, and 1:1 and classroom aides.

11:30-12:30 Lunch on your own.

12:30-3:00 pm - Inclusive programming for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Seminar Description: This training provides school personnel with practical and evidence-based intervention techniques to maximize the development and success of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) within public education settings. The training will include how to foster the initial transition of a student into a new educational setting/class, as well as offer school-based strategies to enhance the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral functioning of students with ASDs. Guidelines to facilitate success with inclusion in general-education settings will be offered.

Target Audience: General and special education teachers, related service providers (speech/language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, counselors, social workers, and school psychologists), administrators, CPSE & CSE Chairpersons, and 1:1 and classroom aides.

3:30-5:30 pm - Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders: Critical Considerations for Fostering Independence

This seminar is geared toward parents and caregivers to ensure their understanding of ASDs and the risk of promoting dependence. Concentration will be placed on the provision of assistance (or "aiding"), to emphasize the important role of *building skills* rather than *doing skills* for their children. Participants will leave with a framework for fostering independence that includes attending to and tracking prompts, developing and implementing individualized independence plans, and establishing means to monitor progress.

Target Audience: Parents and Caregivers

Presenter's BIO - Dr. David Meichenbaum is a clinical psychologist and the clinical director of child and family services at Summit Educational Resources. He has more than 10 years of graduate and professional experience working with children/adolescents with developmental disabilities and disruptive behavior disorders. Dr. Meichenbaum's professional responsibilities include conducting diagnostic evaluations, functional behavioral assessments, and providing consultative support and training to school districts across Western New York to facilitate the academic, communicative, social, emotional, adaptive, and behavioral development of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Kila Cook at (585) 593-5700 Ext. 554
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