

Enhancing Social Skills for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Children with ASD may have a marked lack of interest in social interactions and need direct social skill instruction and numerous opportunities to practice. Children with ASD require meaningful experiences to generalize the direct instruction. Too often in inclusive settings there is an expectation set for children to use “their level of social development, and the resulting social goals may be unrealistic.



This session was created to help teachers and therapists plan for and identify meaningful social opportunities in an inclusive classroom. Teachers will learn ways of embedding social skills into naturally existing routines in their classroom. In addition to walking away with practical strategies we will pair data collection strategies for planning with individualization of the social skill techniques. Each participant will have the opportunity to utilize planning forms, data collection forms, and social skill work plans.

About Your Instructors

Dr. Laurie Sperry; was a classroom teacher for children with autism and related disabilities for 8 years. She served as a state consultant for the Autism Division in South Carolina and currently serves as the director of the Professional Development in Autism Center, supporting the professional development of people working with children with ASD. She is the principal investigator on a longitudinal treatment outcome study.

Cheryl Ostryn Ph.D.; is currently completing her post-doctoral work at the University of Colorado Denver. She has written and taught undergraduate and graduate university courses related to individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, research methods in education, assistive technology, and applied behavior analysis. Dr. Ostryn has presented extensively at conferences around the world, as well as being the invited conference chair. She is also a reviewer for research journals in special education, and is a board member of several national education committees.

Location: Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling Street Wheatridge, CO 80033

Dates and Times: June 17th, 2010, 7:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$125 (enjoy coffee, lunch and snacks)

How to Register: *Please go online to www.frontrangeboces.org*

Attendees will earn 7.5 instructional hours of professional development and will eligible to receive Continuing Credit from UC Denver



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