

# ***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.

**Katie Wells;** has a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Special Education. Katie’s primary areas of expertise include working with children with autism and other developmental disabilities in inclusive settings, home programming with families, social skills programming, and data driven decision making. She has been working with Autism Services and Programs for the past two-years and has developed and conducted trainings for systems based programming for children and adults with Autism in India and California.

**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](http://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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