

Upcoming Autism Conference

"No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors and Teaching Social Skills"

Albany, NY

April 23, 2010

Friday, April 23, 2010

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Workshop Presenter:

[Jed Baker, Ph.D.](#), is the Director of the Social Skills Training Project in Maplewood, New Jersey. Their organization provides assessments and interventions for school-aged children that have social skill difficulties and/or behavioral problems.



Dr. Baker has been a clinical psychologist since 1992. He is on the professional advisory board of ASPEN (an information network for parents of children with Asperger Syndrome), and is also a behavioral consultant for several New Jersey School systems, where he provides social skills training for students with pervasive developmental disorders and learning disabilities. He directs and supervises social skills training for students at Millburn Public Schools.

In addition, Dr. Baker writes, lectures, and provides training across the country on the topic of social skills training for individuals with Asperger Syndrome and related Pervasive Developmental Disorders. His work has been featured on ABC World News, Nightline, the CBS Early Show, and the Discovery Health Channel.

Workshop Description:

Students on the autism spectrum often present with difficulty regulating their feelings and interacting socially. This workshop describes how to handle meltdowns and design effective behavior plans to prevent these moments and reduce frustration and anxiety. The second part of the presentation details strategies to motivate students to learn, ways to teach social skills, how to generalize skills into the natural setting and increase acceptance and tolerance from peers. Information will be imparted through lecture, interactive exercises, and video clips.

Learning objectives for participants:

- To understand the reasons for social skill deficits and disruptive behaviors.
- To learn strategies to deal effectively with meltdowns and be able to put together an effective behavior plan to prevent frustrations.
- To understand how to put together a social skills training program in schools or at home.
- To learn ways to motivate verbal and non-verbal students to want to socialize.
- To learn several strategies for teaching and generalizing skills.
- To learn how to create programs for typical peers to accept students with disabilities and model positive behaviors.

Workshop Details

[Printer-friendly conference information and registration form](#)

Location:

[Desmond Hotel & Conference Center](#)
600 Albany Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12211
(518) 869-8100



There is a reserved block of rooms available for our group at \$119 plus tax per night. Please call the hotel to make reservations, using booking code number 11N48U.

Pricing:

Early Bird: \$125
Regular: \$140

Early bird pricing lasts through March 15, 2010. Regular pricing starts on March 16, 2010.

CEUs:

CEUs are available for one day (0.6 CEUs). There are six hours of lecture in the conference. *CEUs are an additional \$20.* Please note this when sending in registration fees or registering online. For more information, [visit our web page](#).

Bookstore:

There will be an extensive on-site autism bookstore at the conference. Visa, Mastercard, Discover, purchase orders, checks and cash are accepted. To see an even larger selection of autism books, please see our [online bookstore](#).

Schedule:

7:00-8:00am	Check-in
8:00-9:30am	Speaker
9:30-9:45am	Break
9:45-11:30am	Speaker
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch (On your own)
12:30-2:00pm	Speaker
2:00-2:15pm	Break
2:15-3:30pm	Speaker

For more information on hotel location, maps, graduate credit, CEUs, presenter biographies, cancellation policies, meals, registration and workshop objectives, please [visit our Albany web page](#).

Thank you very much,

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