

2010 Fall Conference on Autism

Strategies for Positive Behaviors and Autonomy Keynote Speaker Dr. Jed Baker

October 28, 2010

Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center
1100 State Route 17C
Owego, NY

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| 8:15 - 9:00 | Registration and Agency Fair |
| 9:00 - 12:00 | Keynote Address |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch and Agency Fair |
| 1:00 - 2:15 | Breakout Session I |
| 2:15 - 2:30 | Afternoon Break |
| 2:30 - 4:00 | Breakout Session II |

Keynote Address

Dr. Baker is an award winning author of five books, including *Social Skills Training for Children and Adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome and Social Communication Problems*. In his keynote, Dr. Baker will discuss his strategies for managing and preventing behaviors, as well as how to successfully transition to adulthood and encourage social skills in individuals living with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Breakout Sessions

The afternoon will feature two breakout sessions. In each session, attendees will choose to attend one workshop from the three workshops offered.

Session I

(choose 1 workshop)

1. **Social Skills for Children and Adolescents Living with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome with Dr. Jed Baker.** In this workshop, Dr. Baker will describe how to target relevant

social skills, create motivation for learning, select appropriate skill training strategies, generalize skills and create accepting peer communities.

2. **Parents as Equal Partners by Using MAPS with Janine Kruiswijk**, Executive Director of the Autism Society of Albany NY. In this workshop, Janine will walk participants through the management, Academic, Physical and Social parts of the IEP.
3. **Why Me? Grieving the Loss of the Perfect Child with Mary Jo Hebert**, Regional Coordinator with the Capital District office of Parent to Parent of NYS. In order to let go of lost dreams and generate new dreams, parents must experience the process of grieving.

Session II

(choose 1 workshop)

1. Session I workshop with **Dr. Jed Baker** repeated.
2. **School Discipline and Students with Disabilities: What Every Parent Should Know with Julie Michaels-Keegan**, special education attorney. Under certain circumstances, students with disabilities are entitled to special consideration when a school district decides to impose a suspension or other disciplinary action. This workshop will cover the rights of students with disabilities and the responsibilities of school districts before and after disciplinary action is taken. Strategies for preventing incidents will also be offered.
3. **Effective Communication with Duke Fisher**, founder of Learning Laboratories, Independent Experiential Learning Consultant/Trainer and Group Facilitator. In this workshop, you will explore strategic listening and creative problem solving which will empower you to work with others, whether they are families or providers.
 - Registration is **FREE** for parents of children with disabilities and individuals with autism/autism spectrum disorders.
 - Registration for professionals is \$50.00. Payment can be made by check. Purchase Orders are also accepted.

Registration is available on-line at:

http://www.familyrn.org/news_events/conferences.html

A lunch buffet is available on-site for \$11 - all inclusive. Lunch is a great time for networking and visiting the agency fair!



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