

2008 Summer Institute on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Weeklong Free Workshops and Activities
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Sunday, June 22, 2008

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Annual Meeting
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Autism 101 training is being offered as a kick off event prior to the weeklong Summer Autism Institute. This workshop will focus on information about the autism diagnosis, an overview of interventions and family and community supports. The primary audience is families who have recently had a child diagnosed with autism; however, anyone interested in gaining some introductory knowledge of autism is welcome to attend.

Speakers:

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Register by email jthody@netzero.com or calling 802-457-3764

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Welcome parents of children and adults affected by autism:
Please join us at the 2nd Annual Autism Parent Pow-Wow to
discuss the current affairs of autism in Vermont. This will be a
great opportunity to network with other parents and share your
thoughts and ideas.

This event is FREE and is open to parents/guardians of individuals
on the spectrum and adults on the spectrum. Childcare is not
available. Register by email:

[http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2b6c8imfh7t4wj6/
a00cfh93sgka/questions](http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2b6c8imfh7t4wj6/a00cfh93sgka/questions)

Or by contacting:
AAWARE (Approach Autism with Advocacy, Recovery & Education)
www.aaware.org or 802-229-4665

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In addition to association updates, developments, elections and recognitions, Mark L. Sundberg, PhD, BCBA will be speaking at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Sundberg is presenting at the 11th Annual 2008 Summer Institute on Autism Spectrum Disorders June 23rd & 24th.

We are honored to have him join our annual meeting. Reminder to all BCBAs and BCABAs, should you attend Dr. Sundberg's presentation in its entirety AND the annual meeting, your 12.5 approved continued education credits are FREE if you are an active member of VABA. This is a savings of over \$120.00 dollars as VABA is an approved ACE Provider.

More Information?
Contact VABA at 802-235-9322

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As a result of specific needs in the areas of communication, socialization and possible oversensitivity to their physical environment, some children and youth with ASD can become very reactive to normal routines, expectations and limits. Parents often report a variety of behavioral challenges during normal family routines such as eating meals, getting ready for bed or leaving preferred activities as well as changes in routines.

In this 90-minute presentation Dr. Ed Sbardellati will strive to present parents with a framework for understanding how these challenging behaviors are learned and what may motivate these behaviors. Dr. Sbardellati will then introduce participants to the behavioral approach to managing challenging behaviors, which may occur in the home. The principles and techniques presented will be applicable for both preschool and elementary school aged children. Dr. Sbardellati will discuss simple assessment practices, which can assist parents to identify the function of challenging behaviors. Using the information gained from this functional assessment, specific techniques to increase pro social behaviors in the home will be presented. Dr. Sbardellati will specifically address issues in aggressive behavior, transitioning to less preferred activities and techniques to assist in the establishment of important daily routines. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss specific behavioral issues at the end of the presentation.

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To have a voice is most important and never stop using it. Tracy and Max will discuss how to support someone who doesn't speak or doesn't speak clearly to fully participate in self-advocacy and life's events. Learn about ways to self-advocate successfully.

Tracy Thresher is a self-advocate who lives in Vermont. He has presented at many local, statewide and national trainings, workshops and conferences. He has helped participants understand how important communication is, teaching about the inability to speak, movement differences and individual accommodations.

Max Barrows works for the Green Mountain Self-Advocates as an outreach worker. Max travels around Vermont and across the country to speak out about self-advocacy and represent people with disabilities. He does presentations on disability issues at state self-advocacy conferences. Max is a peer sexuality educator. He educates adults with developmental disabilities on issues concerning sexuality and to understand how it all works. Other than that, Max is sensitive and shy, but once you get to know him you experience a nice guy. Max loves meeting new people and learning more about the world.

For more information contact:
Green Mountain Self-Advocates at 802-229-2600

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Come find out about resources available in Vermont to individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. Exhibitors will have representatives available to share information about their organizations. Below is the list of exhibitors:

Asperger's Association of New England, Southern VT chapter
Augmentative Learning and Movement Center (ALMC)
Autism Support Daily
Care Trak Northeast
Vermont Department of Education
Developmental Disabilities Council
Vermont Division of Disability and Aging Services (DAIL)
Children's Personal Care Services program (PCS)
Howard Center Autism Spectrum Program
Interdisciplinary Leadership Education for Health Professionals
Laureate Learning
Parenting Autism
Project Soar
SD Associates
Transition II
Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport
Vermont Assistive Technology
Vermont Association for Applied Behavior Analysis
Vermont Communication Task Force
Vermont Family Network (VPIC and Parent to Parent)
Vermont Developmental and Behavioral Medicine
Vermont 211
Washington County Mental Health Autism Collaborative

More Information?

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