

Autism/Asperger's Conference

All Ages and Abilities

Nov. 16-17, 2007 at ASU-West

Friday Nov. 16

Keynote:

Instructional Strategies and Teaching Positive Behavior for Children/Teens with Autism

Cathy Pratt, Ph.D., will provide practical instructional strategies for teaching and for addressing challenging behaviors across multiple environments. Ideas and suggestions for classroom teaching and creating positive behavioral environments will be highlighted.

Cathy Pratt, Ph.D., is the Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community and teaches at Indiana University. She lectures internationally and consults on behalf of children and adults across the autism spectrum. Currently, Dr. Pratt serves as Chair of the Board of the National Autism Society of America.

7:30 Registration and coffee/juice

8:30 Welcome

8:45 **Keynote – Cathy Pratt, Ph.D.**

10:15 Break/View Exhibits

10:45 Breakout Session

- **Educating Students with the Most Significant Disabilities** - *Cathy Pratt, Ph.D.*
- **Play, Engagement, and Pragmatics (P.E.P.)** – *Marti Baio, M.A., CCC-SLP*
- **Overview of Biomedical Treatments for Autism** – *James B. Adams, Ph.D.*

12:15 Lunch (on your own)

12:30 Lunchtime Discussion Groups: 1) School Staff 2) DDD Staff/Providers 3) Parents

1:30 Breakout Session

- **Preparing for the Future: Practical Transition Planning** – *Cathy Pratt, Ph.D.*
- **Integrating Autism Software Into Classrooms** – *C. Whalen, Ph.D. & B. Lurie*
- **Biomedical Case Studies of Treatment** – *C. Schneider, M.D., and J. Bradstreet, M.D.*

3:00 Break/View Exhibits

3:30 Breakout Session

- **Everyone with Autism can Lead a Successful Life** – *Jerry and Mary Newport*
- **New Evaluation Tools to Guide Programming for Autism** – *D. Granpeesheh, Ph.D.*
- **Vaccines, Mercury, Testosterone, and Autism** – *Mark Geier, M.D., and David Geier*

5:00 End

6:15 Reception for Mozart and the Whale, combined with Art Show by Children & Adults with Autism – see www.phxautism.org for more details.

7:00 Movie: Mozart and the Whale – An Asperger Love Story

With special introduction by the real people behind the movie, Jerry and Mary Newport

\$5-\$25 donation suggestion – to benefit Autism Society of America, Greater Phoenix Chapter, and Phoenix Adult Support Group. **Conference attendance not required (open to the public)**

Saturday Nov. 17

Keynote:

Providing Positive Inclusive Experiences for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Inclusive opportunities for individuals with autism are now considered of high importance in both treatment and in quality of life. However, including children with autism into natural environments such as schools and community activities involves more than the child's physical presence at the location. Successful inclusion requires educated planning, and trained implementation. This presentation will review the principles in which positive inclusive experiences are built upon, and provide a foundation for creating individualized programs in school, home and community. Participants will gain encouragement and learn strategies to make inclusive opportunities a reality for all children and adults with autism spectrum disorders.

Rick Clemens, M.A., has been involved in the integration and inclusion of both children and adults with autism since 1985. Rick has been a classroom teacher, educational consultant, inclusion and behavior specialist, social program coordinator and is currently the Founder and Director of Inclusive Education and Community Partnership, a California based agency which has supported several thousand children with autism and other disabilities in inclusive environments over the past 10 years.

7:30 Registration and coffee/juice

8:30 Welcome

8:45 **Keynote: Rick Clemens, M.A.**

10:15 Break/View Exhibits

10:45 Breakout Session

- **Learning Social Skills Through Playdates: Learning Made Fun!-** *Rick Clemens*
- **Fears and Myths of Augmentative and Alternative Communication** - E. Morrison, M.S., CCC-SPP and L. Pierce, parent
- **Vocational Training Programs for Teens/Adults in Arizona** – *Panel of experts*

12:15 Lunch (on your own)

12:30 **Lunchtime Discussion Groups: 1) Dads 2) Moms 3) Professionals**

1:30 Breakout Session

- **Inclusion: Educating Children with Autism in General Ed Classrooms** – *Rick Clemens*
- **Evidence-based ABA Interventions** *Daniel Openden, Ph.D.*
- **Residential Programs in Arizona** – *Panel of experts*

3:00 Break/View Exhibits

3:30 Breakout Session

- **Adapting the Curriculum for Included Students of all Grade Levels** – *R. Clemens*
- **Pivotal Response Treatment** - *Daniel Openden, Ph.D*
- **Life on the Autism Spectrum** – *Panel of adults on the spectrum, with Q & A*

5:00 End

Practical information for all ages and ability levels!

Continuing Education Credit: Approved by AZ Dept. of Health Services for Speech Pathologists & Audiologists for 7 hours (0.7 CEU's) for each day.

Certificates of attendance also available (7 hours/day).

Registration: At www.autism-conferences.com (*preferred*) or send in the form below

Early Bird Registration: Registered and Paid by October 31, 2007 **Regular Registration:** after Oct. 31, 2007.

Category	Friday Nov. 16		Saturday Nov 17		Both days		Amount
	Early	Regular	Early	Regular	Friday & Saturday Early	Regular	
Parents/Family	\$90	\$100	\$90	\$100	\$150	\$170	
2 nd Family Member	\$75	\$85	\$75	\$85	\$130	\$150	
Professional	\$120	\$130	\$120	\$130	\$180	\$200	
Respite/ Hab/Student *	\$50*	\$60*	\$50*	\$60*	\$75*	\$90*	*
People with Autism/Asp.	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$40	
Refunds: 75% prior to Nov. 13; no refunds after Nov. 13					Total Amount		

For **Respite/Hab** rate, include a letter from agency stating you work with autistic children/adults, and that your salary is below \$15/hour. Register only by mail.

For **Student** rate, include copy of your transcript showing that you are taking 12 or more credits. Register only by mail. **Financial aid available for low-income families.** To qualify, send copy of your income tax return (front page only) with registration.

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Exhibitors: email exhibitors@autism-conferences.com or call 562-864-3049 or fax 562-864-6508

Location: Arizona State University West Campus, La Sala Room, University Center Building (UCB), 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ 85306

Directions: Enter ASU-West from Thunderbird Rd (east of 48th Ave and Thunderbird), and follow directions to parking. There will be signs from the parking lot to the conference.

Parking: \$4/day on Friday, free on Saturday.

Hotel suggestions: Ramada Plaza (about \$80/night) 602 866 7000, Comfort Suites (about \$125/night) 602 861-3900, Sheraton Crescent (about \$150/night) 602 943 8200 – making early reservations can provide the best rates.

*Don't miss this exciting conference, with many great speakers and exhibitors!
 Information for all ages and abilities on the autism spectrum!*

Attend the Autism Art Show and movie premiere of "Mozart and the Whale"



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***For Parents, Teachers, SLPs,
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