

FREE Autism Workshop
March 17, 2006, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Location: Northwest Autism Foundation
519 Fifteenth Street in Oregon City, Oregon

For Parents and Professionals

EFFECTIVE TEACHING IN THE CLASSROOM: AN OVERVIEW
Conducted by: Thomas M. Caffrey, M.Ed., BCBA

Sponsored by a grant awarded to Autism Society of Oregon

Thomas M. Caffrey, M.Ed., BCBA completed an undergraduate degree in Education from Arizona State University and a Masters degree in Education from Georgian Court University was awarded the Project of Distinction for his work on training paraprofessionals to work with children with autism. In addition, he completed post graduate coursework in behavior analysis from Penn State University and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Mr. Caffrey co-authored with Dr. Vincent J. Carbone an 8 hour professional development training CD series The Verbal Behavior Approach to Teaching Children with Autism (www.abatoolchest.com). He also founded the Verbal Behavior Network (www.verbalbehaviornetwork.com), a collaborative web-based solution he designed to assist professionals that work with children with autism. In addition, he developed for POAC (Parents of Children with Autism) an eight-part workshop series Teaching Children with Autism in Public School Settings (www.poac.net).

Currently, he provides consulting services and presents workshops to treatment teams who serve children with autism with special emphasis on promoting functional communication and implementing strategies to manage problem behaviors in public school settings. Mr. Caffrey consults for the State of PA's/SAFE VB Project as well as for model VB programs in Brick, NJ; Arlington, MA; Brooklyn, NY; & Kilcock, Ireland.

Workshop:

Using the analysis of language as a behavior that is under the influence of the principles of operant conditioning provides a viable model for helping children with language deficits. Research has demonstrated that the application of these principles leads to the development of functional communication skills, reduction in problem behavior and an increase in social initiations.

This introductory level workshop will illustrate through extensive use of video how the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) that emphasize the teaching of verbal behavior are being applied effectively in classroom settings to teach children with autism language and other important skills.

Specifically, participants will be introduced to scientifically-based principles, procedures and instructional recommendations that enable teachers to:

- * Build rapport with the learner
- * Promote peer interaction
- * Utilize criterion referenced assessments (ABLIS) to develop appropriate IEP goals and objectives
- * Teach functional communication skills to vocal and non-vocal learners
- * Capture and contrive motivation and then use it to expand language repertoires
- * Teach effectively in group settings
- * Transition from natural environment teaching (NET) to structured teaching (ITT)
- * Establish and maintain high-rate (accurate and fast) student responding during structured teaching
- * Replicate the teaching technology across settings and people
- * Teach academic skills (reading, math, etc.) using research-based curricula
- * Manage problem behaviors in school and home settings

For additional information, please call 541-752-0980 or email kathy@kathyandcalvin.com

There is no cost for attendance but seating is limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Washington teacher clock hours available PENDING through ESD 112. Lunch is in NOT included. Registration includes Guided Notes by Tom Caffrey. No video taping allowed.

THE LOCATION

Northwest Autism Foundation
519 Fifteenth Street in Oregon City, OR
For more information see:
<http://www.autismnwaf.org/>

DIRECTIONS

FROM the South

Take I-205 North to OR-99E exit- EXIT 9- toward OREGON CITY / GLADSTONE. Turn LEFT onto MCLOUGHLIN BLVD / PACIFIC HWY E / OR-99E. Turn LEFT onto 14TH ST. Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST. Turn RIGHT onto 15TH ST. The building is located at 519 15th St.

FROM the North

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Rivershore Hotel
1900 Clackamette Dr
Oregon City, OR 97045
info@rivershorehotel.com
1-800-443-7777

Washington State Clock Hours

Washington state teacher clock hours are PENDING through ESD 112. All inservice participants electing clock hours will be required to pay a registration fee of \$2 per clock hour to ESD 112.

THE SPONSORS

This workshop is offered at no cost thanks to a generous grant to the Autism Society of Oregon from the Ed Romell and Ackley Foundation.

The Autism Society of Oregon's is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower individuals with Autism, their families and their service providers to improve the quality of their lives through support and information.

The Northwest Autism Foundation, which was founded in 1997, is a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide education and information for free or at a nominal cost to families, caregivers and professionals of autistic children.

REGISTER by EITHER emailing Kathy@kathyandcalvin.com or send COMPLETED FORM TO:
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(Registrations will be confirmed via email)