

ACT Events

September to December 2014

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1st Annual Social Thinking® Providers Conference

Applying Social Thinking and Teaching Executive Function Skills: Where, When, How and with Whom?

September 17 & 18, 2014 (Wednesday-Thursday) – Richmond

Speakers:

Joanne Gerenser, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ABA and Social Thinking

Sarah Ward, M.A., CCC-SLP, Cutting Edge Strategies to Teach Executive Functioning

Michelle Garcia Winner, M.A., CCC-SLP, Founder of Social Thinking

Pamela Crooke, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, New practical lessons/strategies and rubrics for authentic data

9 presentations on using Social Thinking strategies in the Canadian context

The 1st Annual Canadian Social Thinking® Providers Conference is an opportunity for Canadian practitioners of Social Thinking to come together to learn, share ideas and network. ACT is partnering with Michelle Garcia Winner & Social Thinking to hold the 1st Canadian Providers Conference in B.C., after receiving terrific reviews from Canadians who have attended them over the last seven years in the U.S. As the international “Social Thinking movement” grows, the hope is for attendees to gain knowledge and avoid “re-creating the wheel” as they develop practical programs and services for the Canadian context, allowing them to build on what others have shared. For full details on all presentations, see www.actcommunity.ca/events. Co-sponsored by Social Thinking.®



Ready, Set, Coach: Supporting Kids with Autism in Community Recreation Activities

October 4th, 2014 (Saturday) – Kamloops

Presenter: *Stephanie Jull, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Program Director, Canucks Autism Network*

This event is for recreation instructors, coaches and teachers who want to teach kids with autism in swimming lessons, skating programs, soccer programs, fitness instruction, and other recreation activities. It will also be useful for parents who want to understand more about how to help their kids participate in sports. The day will include an introduction to autism, outline different coaching strategies and provide an introduction to key skills and techniques that are proven to be successful with kids with autism. Dr. Jull illustrates her presentation with videos of children with autism in recreational activities to give practical examples. Participants will leave the event with strategies in hand and a plan for implementation in their own recreation setting. Co-sponsored by Canucks Autism Network (CAN), Autism Kamloops and City of Kamloops.



“Very informative, amazing speaker, engaging, and worthwhile.”

Focus on Best Practices – Autism Resources for Families and Community Professionals in B.C.

October 8th, 2014 (Wednesday), 6:30-9:00 pm – Prince George

Presenters: *Deborah Pugh, Executive Director, ACT – Autism Community Training & Karen Bopp, Ph.D., Senior Behavior Consultant, Ministry of Children and Family Development & Research Associate, UBC*

ACT has a wealth of resources for parents of children with autism and the professionals who support them – many of these resources are appropriate for all children with special needs. Deborah Pugh will introduce ACT's resources and invite parents to share their perspectives on how ACT can better serve them. Dr. Karen Bopp will provide information on what parents should look for when setting up programs for their children with autism to help enhance their communications and social interaction. *Co-sponsored by Ministry of Children and Family Development, Infant Development Program, Aboriginal Infant Development Programs, Prince George Native Friendship Centre, Supported Child Development Programs, Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs & Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Program. This event is free — please pre-register so we can accommodate all who are interested.*

Promoting Speech and Language in Individuals Across the Autism Spectrum: Collaboration for Success

October 24 & 25, 2014 (Friday-Saturday) – Vancouver

Presenter: *Joanne Gerenser, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Executive Director, Eden II Programs, New York*

These days will look at the development or enhancement of speech, joint attention and collaboration to enhance student outcomes. Targeted toward non-verbal individuals.

Day 1 – Collaboration for Success: SLPs and Behavior Consultants frequently work together on intervention teams. Collaboration can enhance the outcomes for children and reduce the stress of parents. However, overlapping areas of expertise, different terms used for similar instructional elements, and variations in addressing the same problems may complicate the process. This presentation will provide an overview of the complex learning profiles of learners with ASD, with specific focus on the areas of early learning, joint attention and the development of speech. Case studies will be used to illustrate strategies.

Day 2 – Promoting Speech in Non-Verbal Children with ASD: An overview of the key components of an effective program to promote speech, language comprehension as well as enhanced speech intelligibility will be presented. It will begin with joint attention and early social and linguistic development, and conclude with an overview of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Issues unique to individuals on the autism spectrum will be highlighted. *Co-sponsored by British Columbia Association for Behaviour Analysis (BC-ABA). CEUs will be available.*



Best Practices in Autism Intervention: An Update on the Research and Helping Families Build their "Team"

November 21, 2014 (Friday) – Vancouver

Presenter: *Karen Bopp, Ph.D., Senior Behavior Consultant, MCFD & Research Associate, UBC*

This presentation provides an overview of current best practice treatment approaches for children and youth with ASD. It will also focus on developing collaborative partnerships between behavior consultants, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and other professionals in order to enhance optimal outcomes for children with ASD and provide their families with meaningful support. Topics will include evidence-based practices, intervention models, current research and what we know about alternative and complementary treatments. Dr. Bopp has spent over 20 years in the autism field, as a clinician, researcher and in policy development. *Co-sponsored by Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).*



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The Science of Making Friends: Helping Socially Challenged Teens and Young Adults with ASD

"Fantastic, most helpful and hands-on training I have attended"

December 5 & 6, 2014 (Friday-Saturday) – Vancouver

Presenter: Elizabeth Laugeson, Psy.D., Founder and Director, PEERS Clinic, University of California Los Angeles

One of the greatest challenges in helping intellectually able teens and young adults with ASD to thrive is helping them make friends. The Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relationship Skills (PEERS) has been developed at the University of California, Los Angeles as a manualized, social skills training intervention for adolescents and young adults. It has a strong evidence-base for use with teens and young adults with ASD, but is also appropriate for teens and young adults with ADHD, anxiety, depression, and other socio-emotional problems. This two day workshop is for those with an introductory or intermediate knowledge of PEERS and is aimed at a general audience of school professionals, para-professionals and parents.

Save the Date! Upcoming Events in 2015

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About the Role of Occupational Therapy in Autism Intervention

January 31, 2015 (Saturday) – Vancouver

Presenters: Sheija Abraham, Occupational Therapist, B.OT, Diploma Child Psychology; Brian Lai, Occupational Therapist, BScOT, MHS; Jane Remocker, Occupational Therapist, BSROT

Teaching Social Thinking through Stories and Play for Early Learners (4-7 year olds)

February 20, 2015 (Friday) – Sidney

Implementing Social Thinking® Concepts and Vocabulary into the School and Home Day: A Day to Develop Team Creativity

February 21, 2015 (Saturday) – Sidney

Presenters: Kari Palmer, MA, CCC-CLP & Ryan Hendrix, MS, CCC-SLP, members of the Social Thinking Collective

Live Event Selection & Pricing

Many of ACT's events sell out – book early to ensure your spot!

Event	Registration Deadline	Parents, Para-Profs & Students	Professionals	My Cost
Social Thinking Providers Conference: Applying Social Thinking and Teaching Executive Function Skills – lunch included September 17 & 18, 2014 (Wed & Thurs) – Richmond	Early Bird rate until August 6	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	
	Regular rate Aug 7–Sept 8	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	
	Late rate starts Sept 9	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	
Ready, Set, Coach October 4, 2014 (Saturday) – Kamloops	Early Bird rate until August 28	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	
	Regular rate Aug 29–Sept 24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	
	Late rate starts Sept 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140	
Focus on Best Practices – Resources Available October 8, 2014 (Wed, 6:30-9:30pm) – Prince George <i>Free thanks to sponsorship.</i>	Please register before Sept 24	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	
Promoting Speech and Language: Collaboration for Success October 24 & 25, 2014 (Fri & Sat) – Vancouver	Early Bird rate until Sept 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	
	Regular rate Sept 26–Oct 16	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	
	Late rate starts Oct 17	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	
Best Practices in Autism Intervention: An Update November 21, 2014 (Friday) – Vancouver	Early Bird rate until Oct 8	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	
	Regular rate Oct 9–Nov 12	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	
	Late rate starts Nov 13	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	
The Science of Making Friends December 5 & 6, 2014 (Fri & Sat) – Vancouver	Early Bird rate until Oct 29	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	
	Regular rate Oct 30–Nov 26	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	
	Late rate starts Nov 27	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	

REGISTRATION FORM September–December 2014



Please confirm your registration before booking your flight – cancellation insurance is recommended.

Name:		Home or Cell Phone:	
Organization:		Work Phone:	
Address:			
City:		Province/State:	Postal/Zip Code:
Email: (an individual email address is essential for event info)		I wish to: <input type="checkbox"/> Receive periodic updates by post <input type="checkbox"/> Join ACT's confidential email list*	
Registration Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Professional (please specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Para-Professional (please specify): _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student (please include copy of student ID) <input type="checkbox"/> Person with ASD or other Special Need <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Member of a person with ASD or Special Need	

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Payment Amount (total of "My Cost" amounts below): \$ _____ Date registration submitted: _____

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Card Number:	Expiry Date:	CVV Code:

In addition to registering online, you may also register by telephone using a credit card or fax to (604) 205-5345. Registrations are accepted only when accompanied by payment. Refunds for registration, less a \$25 handling charge, are available if ACT is informed in writing one week before the workshop date. Details of the cancellation policy are available at www.actcommunity.ca. Cheques that are not honoured will result in a loss of registration status. Bank charges incurred by ACT as a result of a NSF cheque are the responsibility of the registrant. Cheques or money orders should be made out to: ACT – Autism Community Training. Mail to: Suite 150, 2250 Boundary Road, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5M 3Z3. If you have questions, email info@actcommunity.ca or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.

Unsure? To check if an event is suitable to your situation, see the event details page or call ACT for more information.

Bursaries are available for attendees who are low-income or must travel outside of their home region to attend. Download the bursary application at www.actcommunity.ca/bursaries or call the ACT office. Bursaries are provided in the form of reduced registration fees.

Group Registrations: Those who are not receiving other discounts will receive 20% off if three or more register with one payment.

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- Watch ACT's Online Videos – expert, positive, practical insights; available on your computer, on your schedule; professionally filmed and edited – Free! www.actcommunity.ca/videos
- Search the Autism Information Database (AID) at www.actcommunity.ca/aid – search by your postal code for special needs-friendly services in your area; a flexible keyword search locates resources from credible websites around the world.
- ACT's Website – www.actcommunity.ca connects you to ACT's resources with links to activities happening across B.C., from research to recreation programs!
- What did ACT do in 2013? Download the Annual Report at www.actcommunity.ca/annual-reports