

# ACT's Summer Event Calendar

July - September 2016

Vancouver, Surrey & Richmond



## Two Days of Social Thinking®

August 4 & 5, 2016 - Vancouver, B.C.

Michelle Garcia Winner, MA, CCC-SLP

Founder & CEO of Social Thinking

Pamela Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLP

Director of Social Thinking Training, San Jose, California

*"You two have an amazing ability to engage listeners."*

Register for both days of these two events, and get \$50 off!



## Cutting Edge Strategies to Improve Executive Function Skills

September 15 & 16, 2016 - Richmond, B.C.

Sarah Ward, MS, CCC-SLP

Co-Director, Cognitive Connexions LLP, Concord, Massachusetts

*"She was absolutely amazing. I can't wait to get back home and work on these skills."*



## Introduction to ASD – Practical Applications (POPARD)

Two dates & locations to choose from

July 11 - 15, 2016 - Vancouver, B.C. or

August 15 - 19, 2016 - Surrey, B.C.

Kenneth Cole, PhD, RPsych

*"The biggest thing I learned was dealing with behaviours. I was struggling with this as a SEA and now I definitely have some very valuable tools that I can use."*

August 4 & 5, 2016 (Thursday & Friday) – Vancouver

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**Day 1: Social Thinking - Informal Dynamic Assessment and Core Treatment Strategies**

You will begin the day by exploring how to better understand the inner minds of individuals with social learning challenges. The Informal Dynamic Social Thinking Assessment includes four unique assessment tasks, shown through video, to uncover how our students process and respond to social information in real-time. You will explore and engage in activities related to three core Social Thinking Treatment Frameworks:

- » Social Behavior Mapping (SBM)
- » Pyramid of Friendships
- » The Spirals of Social Anxiety

To round out the day, you will cover basic concepts and ideas for running Social Thinking groups.



**Day 2: Master Class – Exploring Key Social Communication Concepts through Hands-On Activities**

This conference day gets very high marks from attendees! The focus of this day is to take attendees on a deeper dive into core Social Thinking strategies through the use of video clips and hands-on practice using treatment goody bags. If you've already learned the Social Thinking basics from attending different conference days or reading published materials, then this day will be right up your alley as it helps to make better sense out of your real-time observations while creating treatment tools in a way not offered before.

Those attending this day will receive the new Cascade of Social Attention Checklist, practice lessons by using popsicle sticks and playing cards and learn one way in which a digital camera can literally change the face of your treatment. You'll also receive samples of how all this information can be represented in IEP goals and rubrics for measuring change. How an individual's competencies and focus of treatment change across 5, 10 and 15 years will be explored through longitudinal videos of four different clients.

For details on speakers' bios, topics and learning objectives for each day, visit [www.actcommunity.ca/events](http://www.actcommunity.ca/events)

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**For:** Teachers; S-LPs, OTs, PTs; autism specialists; psychologists; clinical and educational administrators; physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners; social workers; para-professionals; family members and caregivers of students with social thinking challenges.

**Level:** Intermediate/Advanced

**Focus:** Practical information about school-age students and adults who have social and communication difficulties, with near average to far above average verbal intelligence (verbal IQs above 70). Most strategies focus on school-age children and adults, although the information is helpful for those living and working with younger children.

**Autism-specific?** No, also appropriate for those with non-verbal learning disabilities and ADHD.

Registration Deadlines	Parents, Students & Para-Pro's		Professionals	
	1 day	Both	1 day	Both
Early Bird Rate Ends June 22	\$225	\$300	\$300	\$375
Regular Rate Ends July 27	\$275	\$350	\$325	\$400
Late Rate Begins July 28	\$300	\$375	\$350	\$425

Save \$50 when registering for all four days of *Social Thinking* and *Cutting Edge Strategies*. See event details page or call ACT for details.

Comments from the Zooming In and the Social Thinking Providers Conferences in 2014:

- » "Great level of insight into our son's condition as a nuanced kid on the spectrum" (parent)
- » "Biggest take away: start where kids are. Not where you think they should be." (professional)
- » "Strategies to teach abstract concepts in very concrete ways". (para-professional)

## September 15 & 16, 2016 (Thursday & Friday) – Richmond

### Cutting Edge Strategies to Improve Executive Function Skills

**Sarah Ward, MS, CCC-SLP, Co-Director, Cognitive Connections LLP**

Sarah Ward is returning to Vancouver to teach hands-on practical strategies to improve Executive Function skills. Whether you've seen her before, or this is all new, you're sure to walk away with new ideas and strategies to help you better assist clients, students, or your own children!



#### Day 1: Executive Function Skills in the Classroom

If you are a teacher, special educator or someone who co-teaches in the classroom, this day is for you! Strong executive function skills enable us to imagine and plan a "dry run" of the task in our mind before we begin to carry out the plan. Topics include:

- » Future Thinkers: A New View of Executive Function Skills
- » Self-Regulation and Situational Awareness
- » Being a Beat Ahead: Following Routines, Initiating Tasks, Making Transitions
- » The Get Ready, Do, Done Model

#### Day 2: Specialized Instruction in Executive Function Skills

This specialized Executive Function skills training defines, demonstrates and practices executive function skill interventions with hands-on activities. Sarah Ward will briefly review the 360 Thinking Model of Executive Function Skills. The seminar will cover, in depth, the practical aspects of treatment planning and implementation and provide new therapeutic strategies such as:

- » Situational intelligence
- » Self-monitor passage of time
- » Breaking down of complex tasks

Participants should have attended Day 1 or have experience. For details on topics and learning objectives for each day, visit [www.actcommunity.ca/events](http://www.actcommunity.ca/events)

**For:** Special educators, teachers, psychologists, social workers, S-LP's, OT's, parents and professionals

**Level:** Day 1: Introductory; Day 2: Intermediate/Advanced

**Autism-specific?** No – also applicable for children with learning disabilities and ADHD.

Registration Deadlines	Parents, Para-Pros & Students		Professionals	
	1 day	both	1 day	both
Early Bird Rate Ends Aug 3	\$225	\$300	\$300	\$375
Regular Rate Ends Sept 7	\$275	\$350	\$325	\$400
Late Rate Begins Sept 8	\$300	\$375	\$350	\$425

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Comments from the 2014 conference in Richmond:

- » "Thank you so much, it was an absolute pleasure learning such valuable skills to teach." (professional)
- » "I learned many practical strategies. I will definitely be implementing the "Get Ready, Do, Done" model and the clock!" (para-professional)

## July 11-15, 2016 (Monday to Friday) – Vancouver or August 15-19, 2016 (Monday to Friday) – Surrey

### Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders – Practical Applications for School-Age Children

**Kenneth Cole, PhD, R.Psych., Consultant, Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders**

Co-sponsored by Surrey School District

This 30-hour course has been developed by the Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders (POPARD) for B.C. It reflects current research and evidence-based practice in teaching students with ASD. This course includes pre-reading, practical hands-on activities, demonstration, coaching and application exercises, as well as a variety of ways of evaluating participant learning. It is a requirement for teaching assistants in many school districts and is open to community professionals and parents.

Kenneth Cole is a Registered Psychologist on staff at POPARD and a School Psychologist in the Surrey School District. Dr. Cole has presented this course for ACT for several years and has been given rave reviews by participants.

**For:** School Teams, Community Professionals and Parents

**Level:** Introductory/Intermediate

**Focus:** School-age children

**Autism-specific?** Yes

Registration Deadlines (for both courses)	Parents, Students & Para-Pros	Professionals
Early Bird Rate Ends June 8	\$410	\$450
Regular Rate Ends June 22	\$450	\$490
Late Rate Begins June 23	\$475	\$515
Maximum 30 registrants for each course.		

- » "Amazing and useful information. I wish our whole staff could attend!!"
- » "Ken was excellent in presenting the information in a very natural, straight-forward way."

# REGISTRATION FORM SUMMER 2016



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

### Name of event(s) that you are registering for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Social Thinking (Aug. 4 & 5)	Register for both days of these two events, and get \$50 off!	<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Autism - Vancouver (July 11-15)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting Edge Strategies (Sept. 15 & 16)		<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Autism - Surrey (Aug. 15-19)

Payment Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate date(s) of event attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA    To use your AFU funds for event payment, please call our office.

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Name on Card:	Signature:	
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](http://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](mailto:info@actcommunity.ca) or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.

**Online Registration:** [www.actcommunity.ca/events](http://www.actcommunity.ca/events) or call weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**Unsure if an event is a good fit for you?** Call an ACT Information Officer for advice at 604-205-5467 or toll-free 1-866-939-5188.

**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](http://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. See [www.actcommunity.ca/terms-conditions/](http://www.actcommunity.ca/terms-conditions/) for details.

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