

## ACT EVENTS IN 2013

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February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Vancouver

**Introduction to the Assessment of Functional Living Skills (the AFLS)** - James Partington, Ph.D., BCBA-D

*"I learned I do too much. It may be easier and faster but it will not set him up for independence."* (parent)

CEUs available for BCBA and BCaBAs

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February 15, 2013 – Sidney

**Social Thinking Meets RTI and PBS** - Gretchen Schmidt-Mertes, M.Ed

*"Great ways to expand social thinking beyond individual teaching into the classroom."* (professional)

co-sponsored by Dwyer Tax Lawyers

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March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Vancouver

**Getting Ready for the Real World – How Schools and Families Can Prepare Adolescents with Autism for the Social Challenges of Adulthood** - Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., BCBA-D

*"I learned how we should change our view about learning from error. It's exactly like he said; we usually put our hands in before the kids started to learn because we get scared of making mistakes."* (family member)

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April 19 & 20, 2013 - Vancouver

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Focus on Research: Building Capacity Across the Rockies** - Volunteer presenters from B.C. and Alberta; representatives from Sinneave Family Foundation, Autism Speaks Canada and NeuroDevNet -Sessions recorded for online video presentation

*"Great opportunity to see some good presentations and network with other professionals"* (professional)

CEUs available for BCBA and BCaBAs; Funded by Autism Speaks Canada; co sponsored by MCFD

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May 11, 2013 - Vancouver

**Teaching Social Thinking Through Stories & Play for Preschool and Early Elementary School** - Kari Palmer, MA, CCC-SLP & Ryan Hendrix, MS, CC-SLP

*"I learned a lot about being more conscious in teaching about thoughts & feelings AND using consistent vocabulary to help kids learn social behaviour cues."* (professional)

Sold out event

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2013 EVENT LOCATIONS

June 1, 2013 - Nanaimo

**Ready, Set, Coach: Supporting Kids with Autism in Community Recreation Activities** - Stephanie Jull, Ph.D., BCBA-D

*"Lots of items for my tool box."* (family member)

Co-sponsored by Canucks Autism Network

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August 12 – 16, 2013 – Vancouver

**Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders: Practical Applications (POPARD)** - Kenneth D. Cole, Ph.D., R.Psych. & Brenda Dussault

Consultants with the Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders

*"Excellent presentation, materials positive, encouraging and supportive instruction."* (professional)

Concurrent deliveries due to popular demand.

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September 27, 2013 - Kelowna

**Social Thinking and Transition Planning for the Adult World and Real Life** - Pam Crooke, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

*"Great to see and show that throughout adulthood, they may still need intervention, especially, those who appear NT."* (parent)

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September 28, 2013 - Kelowna

**Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality: An Introduction for School Teams and Parents** - Joy Becker, RN, BSN

*"Taught me to look at my values and that it's okay. Feel more confident going into teen years."* (professional/parent)

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October 4, 2013 - Vancouver

**Introduction to Positive Behavior Support for Children with ASD and Other Developmental Disabilities (in Cantonese)** - Dianna Yip, M.Ed., BCBA

Co-sponsored by MCFD, In Cantonese

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October 4 & 5, 2013 - Kamloops

**Transforming Parent-Child Interaction with Positive Behavior Support** - Joe Lucyshyn, Ph.D, Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, UBC

*"Liked the forms that he made them available online, very helpful."* (professional)

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October 19, 2013 - Terrace

**Teaching Individuals with ASD about Sexuality: An Introduction for School Teams and Parents** - Joy Becker, RN, BSN

*"To keep communication open, I must put reaction aside, it is never too late to changes the tone of a conversation."*  
(parent) Co-sponsored by MCFD

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October 25 & 26, 2013 - Vancouver

**Functional Analysis & Treatment of Severe Behavior Disorders Methods for Clinicians and Educators** - Brian Iwata, Ph.D., Department of Psychology and Psychiatry, University of Florida

*"This workshop will improve my practice, allow more time in developing and implementing treatment and improve my support"* (professional)

CEUs available for BCBA and BCaBAs; Sold out event

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November 2, 2013 - Chilliwack

**Technology for your Toolbox: Boardmaker and iPad** - Brenda Fossett, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Capilano University

*"Just what I need right now to work more effectively with my students."* (para-professional)

Co –sponsored by MCFD

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November 15 & 16, 2013 - Vancouver

**Sibshop Training - Building Community Support for Siblings of Children with Special Needs**

- Don Meyer, Director of the Sibling Support Project, Seattle

*"This event made me realize how important typically developing siblings are, and how different the experiences of siblings from different families are."* (student)

Over 35 siblings volunteered to participate in a Sibshop & a volunteer siblings panel

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December 5, 2013 - Surrey

**Building a Bright Future for Children with Autism (in Punjabi and English)**

Panel individuals include Dr. Vikram Dua, B.C. Children's Hospital; Rina Dulku, Surrey Centre for Child Development; Dr. Karen Bopp, Ministry of Children and Family Development; Parbinder Bains, Surrey School District; Preetinder Narang, Surrey School District; Deborah Pugh.

*"I learned how important it is to hire a BC to guide a BI"* (family member)

co-sponsored by MCFD, the Surrey School District and Canucks Autism Network

Free event in English & Punjabi