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This program is offered for 0.60 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level; Professional area).



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Nurses and other health care professionals are awarded 0.6 Continuing Education Units (CEU's). One CEU is equal to 10 contact hours. Nurses: For attending this program you will receive a Certificate of Attendance confirming 6.0 hours of continuing education.

These hours may be considered eligible for completing the 30 hours of continuing education required for biannual nursing re-licensure in Pennsylvania. Peer Specialists: This program fulfills requirements for Certified Peer Specialist continuing education.

PA EDUCATORS ACT 48

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit is recognized by the PA Department of Education to offer continuing education credits ACT 48 under guidelines. A maximum of 6.0 hours of PA EDUCATORS ACT 48 credits will be awarded for the completion of the seminar. A certificate of attendance is provided as well.

PSYCHOLOGISTS

This program is co-sponsored by Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA. Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This program is being offered for 6.0 continuing education credits.

SOCIAL WORKERS

This program is offered for 6.0 hours of social work continuing education through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work, a council on Social Work Education-accredited school and, therefore, a PA pre-approved provider of social continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW/LCSW, LPC and LMFT biennial license renewal. For more information call 412.624.3711.

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2014 SPRING CONFERENCE



**BRIDGES TO
ADULTHOOD**
For Individuals with
Autism Spectrum Disorder

co-sponsored by Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014
8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL
(PITTSBURGH - GREEN TREE)
500 MANSFIELD AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15205
412-922-8400

Register online at www.autismofpa.org
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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., is the Managing Partner of JPG Autism Consulting, LLC. Dr. Gerhardt has more than 30 years experience utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis in support of adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorders in educational, employment, residential and community-based settings. He has authored and co-authored articles and book chapters on the needs of adolescents and adults with ASD and has presented nationally and internationally on this topic. Dr. Gerhardt serves as Chairman of the Scientific Council for the Organization for Autism Research, is on the Editorial Board of Behavior Analysis in Practice and on numerous professional advisory boards. He received his doctorate from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey's Graduate School of Education.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The past decade has seen reports citing the dramatic increase in the prevalence of autism and related disorders (ASD) to the current 1 case per 88 individuals most recently identified by the Centers for Disease Control (2012). While the reasons behind this increase remain unclear, what is clear is that there are greater numbers of individuals being diagnosed with ASD than ever before and subsequently, steadily growing numbers of adolescent and young adults on the autism spectrum. This increase in prevalence has created an increased demand for appropriate and effective services for adolescents and young adults with ASD. Unfortunately, the need for such services continues to far exceed the available resources leaving a generation of individuals with autism and their families in a programmatic, financial, and personal limbo. This presentation will provide an overview of effective transition programming -- at any age -- with the ultimate goal being a life of dignity, competence, and quality. To this end, an overview and practical suggestions for transition planning (inclusive of

employment goals) will be presented along with issues related to community based instruction, employment social competence, sexuality and sexual safety, and quality of life concerns.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify the components of a comprehensive transition plan
- Differentiate between social survival and social competence and the applications of both
- Discuss the importance of direct, intensive instruction in adaptive behavior if community living is expected to be the outcome of an effective education
- Define the multiple constituent groups whose needs are to be met in the employment development process
- Identify the three primary components of sexuality education

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
GERHARDT: How We Got Here, and Where We Are Going

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
BREAK WITH REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITS

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
GERHARDT: ABA With Older Individuals, Transition Planning, and Employment

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
LUNCH & EXHIBITS

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
GERHARDT: Adaptive Behavior and Social Competence

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
BREAK WITH REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITS

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
GERHARDT: Sexuality Quality and Life Summary

4:00 p.m.
CLOSING REMARKS, EVALUATION, & COURSE ADJOURNMENT

TARGET AUDIENCE

Psychologists, Counselors, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Teachers, Paraprofessionals, BSC's, MT'S, TSS's, Health Care Professionals, Parents and Caregivers.

DISCLOSURE

Financial: Dr. Gerhardt is Managing Partner of JPG Autism Consulting, LLC and has a financial stake in promotion of JPG Autism Consulting, LLC.

Nonfinancial: Dr. Gerhardt is one of three founders and chair of Scientific Council, Organization for Autism Research; Advisory Board, ReThink Autism; Advisory Board, Autism Training Systems; Member of Editorial Board, Applied Behavior Analysis in Practice; Member of the following groups: American Psychological Association, American Association on Intellectual Disability, National Association for Dual Diagnosis (NADD), Council for Exceptional Children, and Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies and receives no compensation for these roles.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree where the conference will be held: ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA Room Block, Room Rate \$104 for single or double occupancy, Reserve by March 19, 2014, 1-800-222-TREE (8733)

REGISTRATION

Fee includes lunch, refreshments, and handouts.

Family member, student, or individual with ASD	\$ 65 _____
Professional (no credits)	\$ 95 _____
Professional (with credits)	\$145 _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(must be provided)

Organization _____

Check Enclosed (payable to ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA)

Credit Card ____Mastercard ____Visa (please check)

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ CID # _____

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click on events

CANCELLATION POLICY

A complete refund will be given if a participant cancels their registration **five days prior** to the program. A 75% refund will be given if a participant cancels their registration one to four days prior to the program. **No refunds will be made for cancellations or "no shows" on the day of the program.** In the event the program is cancelled by ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA, a complete refund will be given.