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**Presents**

## **Visual Teaching Strategies and Supports For Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

### **Barbara Bloomfield, M.A. CCC-SLP**

**September 25 & 26, 2006**

**Doubletree Hotel**

**990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901**

#### **Workshop Description:**

This seminar provides educators and caregivers with effective, easy to implement instructional supports for meeting the challenges presented by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Current best practice guidelines and links to educational research will form the foundation for two days filled with “on the go” teaching strategies and low maintenance materials. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras if they would like to create a photographic record of the many visual supports that will be on display. There will be an emphasis on social communication, academic and/vocational skills, daily living abilities and behavior management for students in both self-contained and included settings. The information presented will cover a range of functioning levels and chronological age groups. Extensive handout materials will include two multi-use “Make and Take” projects, an easy to reference resource guide and several additional samples of visual supports.

**Target Audience:** Special educators, general educators, therapists, support personnel (music, art and p.e. teachers, school nurses, social workers and others), administrators, and family members will find that this workshop provides valuable insights regarding teaching style and problem solving for both school and home settings.

#### **Course Objectives:**

- \*Participants will learn specific intervention strategies to assist with social communication patterns and their impact on classroom work skills and problem behaviors.
- \*Participants will better understand key variables involved in maximizing student attention and in minimizing disruptive behaviors.
- \*Participants will learn to design “quick and easy” communication supports based on a structured teaching approach.
- \*Participants will gain knowledge regarding ways to adapt literacy materials as well as other academic resources to better meet the communication related challenges of students with special learning needs.

#### **About the Presenter: Barbara Bloomfield, M.A. CCC-SLP**

**Barbara Bloomfield** is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in consultation and therapy services for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She has designed a line of commercial therapy materials for students with special needs including “Super Symbols: A Booklet of Positive Behavioral Directives” and currently serves as Executive Director of IconTalk, a firm dedicated to the development and distribution of communication based teaching supports. She travels extensively throughout the United States and internationally as a program consultant and conference presenter. Barbara has been invited to present at the 2006 World Autism Conference in Capetown, South Africa in October.

**Call Commonwealth Autism Service  
at 1-800-649-8481 for more information or to register.**

**SAVE the DATE**  
**Autism Conference**  
**6th Annual**  
**March 7-9, 2007**

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September 25 & 26, 2006 **Registration: \$100**  
(2 day workshop, includes Make & Take segment)

Monday, 9/25/06 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday, 9/26/06 - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Registration starts at 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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990 Hilton Heights Road

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Call 434-973-2121, ask for workshop rate—\$78 +tax

Register Early—Space is limited

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September 11, 2006. Substitutions Allowed.

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**each** individual.

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