

Demystifying Autism

Presented by William Stillman

Schedule of Events

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Registration & Cont. Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Demystifying Autism Presentation

(Begins promptly at 9:00 am)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Demystifying Autism Presentation

4:00 pm

Evaluations & Dismissal

***LIMITED SEATING -
REGISTER EARLY**

***PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY
REGISTRATION**

***BOOKSTORE WILL BE
AVAILABLE**

***REGISTER BY APRIL 18, 2008**

To become a member of
Shenandoah Valley Autism
Partnership go to

www.valleyautism.org



Return registration and payment to:
Region 5 T/TAC
MSC 9002
800 South Main St
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

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5TH ANNUAL UNDERSTANDING THE SPECTRUM AND THE STRATEGIES THAT WORK

**Autism, Asperger's Syndrome,
PDD, and other Related Disabilities**

Sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley
Autism Partnership and the Virginia
Department of Education's Region 5
Training and Technical Assistance Center



TARGET AUDIENCE: educators,
administrators, paraprofessionals, related
service providers, community agency
personnel, parents, family members,
siblings, and self-advocates

Monday, April 28, 2008

James Madison University

Festival Conference Center

Harrisonburg, Virginia

Registration: 8:00 am

Conference: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$45 nonmembers/professionals

\$25 SVAP members/family/students

Cont. Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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**Registration will open at 8:00 am

Demystifying Autism

This is a one-day workshop designed to guide participants toward a greater understanding and a heightened awareness of those who have an autism spectrum experience—from a purely non-clinical, anecdotal perspective based upon what people are telling us about their experience. The discussion lays the foundation of best practice approaches by presenting an overview of our collective differences and similarities in communication, social interaction, sensory, learning, and movement. A short film puts images to these philosophies, and provides further testimony from people who speak to their autistic experience. Participants will also experience two autism simulation exercises and will leave the day with seven golden rules of autism.

Presenter: William Stillman

As an adult with Asperger's Syndrome, a mild "cousin" of autism, William Stillman's message of reverence and respect has touched thousands nationally through his acclaimed autism workshops.

He is the author of *Demystifying the Autistic Experience: A Humanistic Introduction for Parents, Caregivers and Educators* (2002) which has been highly praised by the autism and self-advocacy communities. Some of his other books include *The Autism Answer Book* (2007), *The Everything Parent's Guide to Children with Asperger's Syndrome: Help, Hope and Guidance* (2005), and *The Everything Parent's Guide to Children with Bipolar Disorder: Professional, Reassuring Advice to Help You Understand and Cope* (2005).

Stillman has a B.S. in Education from Millersville University in Pennsylvania, and has worked to support people with different ways of being since 1987. He was formerly the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Retardation's statewide point person for children with intellectual impairment, mental health issues, and autism. He serves on a variety of advisory boards and is founder of the Pennsylvania Autism Self Advocacy Coalition (PASAC).

In his work to support those who love and care for individuals with autism and Asperger's Syndrome, William Stillman sets a tone for our collective understanding of the autistic experience in ways that are unprecedented. Autism should not be defined as an "affliction endured by sufferers," but as a truly unique and individual experience to be respected and appreciated by all. In so doing, Stillman highlights the exquisite sensitivities of our most valuable, wise, and loving "teachers." His Web site is www.williamstillman.com.

UNDERSTANDING THE SPECTRUM AND THE STRATEGIES THAT WORK

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Name: _____
Title: _____
School Division/Org: _____
Address: _____

City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
E-mail: _____
Accommodations: _____

Make checks payable to SVAP

_____ Nonmember/Professional \$45.00
_____ Member/Family/Student \$25.00

*** Confirmations, including directions, will be sent in April**

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