



Autism Society of Middle Tennessee

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Autism Education Series

Ain't Misbehavin'

Does your student or child have problem behaviors? Are you wondering how you can calm things down when behaviors spin out of control? This workshop will focus on the most common causes for problem behaviors, methods for preventing outbursts, and how to de-escalate behaviors and avoid using restraints. These techniques can be used for children or adults of any age. For each of the common causes of problem behavior, the presenters will discuss specific strategies for addressing the issue and give you some real-life examples. There will be time for questions.

Using the iPad as a Communication Tool

The number of people with an ASD who use an iPad to communicate continues to increase. Do you know how to get one, use one, and advocate for its use in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting? Ms. Jackson will talk about the necessary prerequisite skills to help you determine if your child is an appropriate candidate for using an iPad as a communication tool. She will also discuss how to set up features for supporting various communication levels, how to implement usage, and the pros and cons versus other Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) modes. Ms. Richardson will cover the legalities of its use in a school setting as well as funding issues. As a parent of a child using an iPad for AAC, Ms. McCeney will offer her perspective on her child's journey to find a way to communicate.

Behavioral Approaches to Food Issues

Problematic mealtime behavior and food selectivity are often common problems for individuals with an ASD. Limited food repertoires and inappropriate mealtime behavior can affect the child socially and nutritionally as well as affect the child's family. This presentation will address reducing problematic behaviors during meal times and establishing appropriate mealtime routines. Participants will learn an approach to increase the variety of food items eaten in the context of naturally occurring meal times. The strategies presented are appropriate for any child experiencing behaviorally based food selectivity.

Bev Adcock

*Disability Advocate,
Legal Aid Society*

Suzanne Wilcox

*Student Support Services Coordinator,
Williamson County Schools*

AUGUST 23

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Kayla Jackson, M.S., CCC-SLP

A.C.C.E.S.S Therapy

Erin M Richardson, J.D

Attorney and Special Needs Advocate

Janese McCeney

*Mother of two children with ASD,
One using an iPad as an AAC device*

SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hunter Gast, M.Ed., BCBA

HOPE Autism and Behavioral Health Services, LLC

OCTOBER 25

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

These events are free to ASMT members; non-members pay \$5 at the door.
ASMT membership is an affordable \$10/family, \$25/professional, or \$50/agency per year.

Childcare is available with 48 hours advance notice.

All community members are welcome.

Please register with ASMT at 615-385-2077 (ext. 1) or www.tnautism.org

Workshops are held at the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Room 241, One Magnolia Circle, Nashville, TN 37203.

Directions and a parking map can be found under Event Registration at www.tnautism.org



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SAVE THE DATE!

Autism Society of Middle Tennessee 2012 FALL CONFERENCE



Friday & Saturday, November 9-10, 2012
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ASMT's Fall Conference is going to be bigger and better than ever!
The first day (*Successfully Accessing the Core Curriculum in an Inclusive Classroom*)
will be geared towards educators and other autism professionals.

The second day (*Successful Access to a More Inclusive World*) is more for teenagers
and adults on the spectrum, parents, and the general autism community
with presentations on sexuality, technology, and educational issues
for Children, Young Adults (15-25), and Adults (over 25).

Lipscomb University
3901 Granny White Pike
Nashville, TN 37204

Stay tuned to conference.tnautism.org for conference registration information.

Make sure you receive our email updates to be amongst the first to know
when registration opens. Call our office at 615-385-2077, ext. 3 or email admin@tnautism.org
if you would like to be added to this email list.

- Proposals for presentations are being accepted now
through August 31, 2012 at tinyurl.com/d64tedz
- Nominations for our 2012 Coston Education Award, honoring an individual
who has made an outstanding contribution in educating the autism community,
are also being accepted at tinyurl.com/bwce2rv