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Present



THE P.L.A.Y. PROJECT

**PLAY and LANGUAGE for
AUTISTIC YOUNGSTERS**

Level I and Level II Workshops



Friday, March 7th, 2008 – Saturday, March 8th, 2008
Country Springs Hotel – Waukesha, Wisconsin

Presented by Dr. Rick Solomon, MD



Dr. Richard Solomon, MD is the founder and Medical Director of The P.L.A.Y. Project located at The Ann Arbor Center for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Board certified in general pediatrics and developmental and behavioral pediatrics, Dr. Solomon has been diagnosing and treating children with autism for over fifteen years. Under Dr. Solomon's direction, The P.L.A.Y. Project has trained thousands of parents and professionals throughout the United States and internationally. The project was published in the scientific journal, *AUTISM* in May 2007. Dr. Solomon has also received a prestigious NIMH grant to continue evaluating and researching The P.L.A.Y. Project.



For more information visit
www.playproject.org

Creating Solutions
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Friday, March 7th, 2008

Day 1

Topic: P.L.A.Y. Project Level I Workshop "Introduction to Floortime and P.L.A.Y."

This one day workshop focuses on The P.L.A.Y. Project - a unique, community based Autism training and early intervention program. The model is based on the Developmental theories of Stanley Greenspan, MD, known as the Developmental Individualized and Relationship (DIR) Oriented Model – also known as "Floortime." The DIR theory and research will be presented along with video case examples to help participants learn DIR strategies, methods and techniques. The session will help parents and professionals learn effective, low cost and efficient ways to provide intensive intervention programming for young children (18 months – 7 years) with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and help them gain language and social skills.

Learning Objectives

Participants in the Level I workshop will:

- Describe current trends and research in ASD's
- Describe how "affect" drives growth & development
- The importance of the neurological "Comfort Zone"
- Describe basic DIR (Floortime) principles, strategies, and techniques
- DIR intervention techniques with children with ASD's

Agenda

7:30 to 8:30 Registration
8:30 to 9:30 "Autism: Early Intervention"
9:30 to 10:30 DIR Principles, Strategies and Methods Part I
10:30 to 10:45 Break
10:45 to 12:30 DIR Principles, Strategies and Methods Part II
12:30 to 1:30 Lunch (will be provided)
1:30 to 2:30 Techniques and Strategies for home and school with video samples
2:30 to 2:45 Break
2:45 to 4:00 Techniques and Case Studies
4:00 Wrap-up and Evaluation

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

Day 2

Topic: P.L.A.Y. Project Level II Workshop "Floortime and P.L.A.Y. - Higher Functioning Levels of Autism Spectrum Disorders"

This one day workshop focuses on children ages 4-8 years old with high functioning autism. This session will help parents and professionals learn methods to help children with high functioning autism improve social skills through the use of social stories, play dates, and behavioral analysis of social deficits. Characteristics of a supportive educational program for elementary children with ASD will be discussed. Attendees will expand their knowledge of techniques that can help children with ASD solve problems, control impulses, and improve behavior.

Learning Objectives

Participants in the Level II workshop will:

- Describe current trends and research in ASD's
- Describe strategies that promote two-way communication
- Describe strategies that promote social development
- Describe higher skill levels in the DIR (Floortime) Model

Agenda

7:30 to 8:30 Registration
8:30 to 9:00 P.L.A.Y. Project Level I overview
9:00 to 11:30 Higher-level functional developmental levels in Greenspan's DIR framework-"Process" and "Content" in social interactions
11:30 to 12:30 Lunch (will be provided)
12:30 to 2:30 Methods to improve social skills-Supportive Elementary Education Programs
2:30 to 2:45 Break
2:45 to 4:00 Techniques to help children with ASD solve problems, control impulses and improve behavior
4:00 Wrap-up and Evaluation

P.L.A.Y. Project Workshop Sponsors

Easter Seals Kindcare Southeastern Wisconsin provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

Easter Seals Kindcare services have been founded on the principle of meeting the needs of persons with disabilities living with Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, and other disabilities. We truly believe in the value and dignity of the people that we serve and we honor their desire to have lives filled with meaning and a connection to the community and the world.

We provide direct care, education and intervention services through the following programs: ACCESS, Advocacy, Adult Day Services, ArtLink, Autism Services, Birth to Three-Early Intervention Services, Family Services, Guardianship, Long Term Support Services, P.L.A.Y. Project, Recreation, Respite, Stepping Stones Child Development Center and Values Based Education Center. In total our programs and services support more than 6,000 individuals annually in Southeastern Wisconsin.



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Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is the social ministry arm of over 800 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Our mission is *"Motivated by the compassion of Christ, we help people improve the quality of their lives."*

Each year, LSS touches the lives of over 100,000 people through a variety of compassionate social services from adoption to counseling to older adult services. Our programs and services are offered to all, regardless of faith.

People of all faiths benefit from the wide range of services we provide such as: adoption, foster care, alcohol and drug treatment, correctional services, disaster response, family preservation services, home health care, individual and family counseling, older adult services, refugee resettlement, residential care, services for people with disabilities and much more. At LSS, our vision is to change the world - one grace-filled life at a time.



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Registration Form

P.L.A.Y. Project Workshop at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha, Wisconsin

Name: _____ Organization/School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email for registration confirmation: _____

Please select Dates (you may attend one or both workshops)

Friday, March 7th 2008 Level I Workshop **Saturday, March 8th 2008** Level II Workshop

Registration Fee:

Parent: \$180 (2 days) \$95 (1 day)

Student: \$180 (2 days) \$95 (1 day)

Professional: \$220 (2 days) \$115 (1 day)

Method of Payment: VISA MC Check (payable to Easter Seals Kindcare)

Name on card: _____ Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Signature: _____

Please detach and mail to:

Easter Seals Kindcare
P.L.A.Y. Project Workshop
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Registration Due:

February 29th, 2008
No refunds after February 29th, 2008.
All cancellations subject to \$40 administrative fee.



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Who Should Attend

Parents
Case Managers
Education professionals
and paraprofessionals
Occupational Therapists
Medical Professionals
Psychologists
Speech Language Pathologists
Social Workers

Program Certificates

Certificates of attendance will be provided for all attendees.

Please share this information with other professionals and parents.

Waukesha, Wisconsin
March 7th and 8th, 2008

Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Road
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187
www.countryspringshotel.com
For Hotel Room Reservations:
1-800-247-6640 (mention P.L.A.Y. Project)
\$109.00 for standard/deluxe room
\$169.00 for standard/deluxe room
with 4-water park passes

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