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Autism Society of America - Northern Virginia

Upcoming ASA-NV Events and Local Meetings:

July 30-31, 2004 RDI 2-Day Workshop (ASA-NV Sponsored) [Full Color Brochure](#)

Great Two-Day Workshop!
 Relationship Development Intervention™
 presented by Dr. Steven Gutstein
 Sponsored by the Autism Society of America
 Northern Virginia Chapter
 July 30-31, 2004

Location: Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Rd, Herndon, VA 20171. 703.478.2900.

Conference Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Check in: Begins 8:00 a.m. on July 30-31, 2004.

Hotel Info: \$85/night. Call 800-445-8667 or online at

www.washingtondulles.hilton.com and use Group/Convention Code 'RDI' for this special RDI conference rate.

Early Bird -Payment before 6/31/04 \$225.00
Standard -Payment after 6/31/04 \$250.00

Please make checks payable to: **Autism Society of America - Northern Virginia Chapter**

Mail to: Sarah Honda, PO Box 188, Oakton, VA 22124.

To pay by credit card, check www.RDIconnect.com for on-line registration

Questions? Call Sarah Honda, 703.691.1270 or email her, sarah@autismtherapycentre.com

About Dr. Steven Gutstein

In 1987, Dr. Gutstein left academics to begin pursuing his work with people on the autism spectrum. He decided to dedicate the remainder of his career to developing effective intervention programs for children, adolescents and adults with autism. He brought his talents for translating research into powerful clinical programs into play and the end result, thirteen years later, was the birth of RDITM. Dr. Gutstein is currently the co-director of Connections Center and is on the clinical staff at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, TX. He is the author of Autism Aspergers: Solving the Relationship Puzzle. website, www.RDIconnect.com

August 26-28, 2004 Dr. Carbone 3-Day Workshop: Introduction to Verbal Behavior (not ASA-NV Sponsored)

Thursday - Saturday, August 26-28, 2004

Workshop #1: Introduction to Verbal Behavior

Teaching Communication Skills to Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities

A Three-day Workshop Presented by:

Vincent J. Carbone, Ed.D., Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Overview

This workshop focuses on the behavioral approach to teaching communication skills to children with autism and other developmental disabilities. This approach is based on B.F. Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior and the research of Michael, Sundberg, Partington, and others. Participants in this workshop learn (1) to conduct a Behavioral Language Assessment, (2) to select the most appropriate form of communication for a child (vocal, signing, pointing to or exchanging pictures, or activating an augmentative device), and (3) to select the communication responses and supporting skills that should be taught first. The workshop includes the recommended teaching procedures for those children who have no formal communication skills to those that are near conversational speakers. The presenter also describes and demonstrates errorless teaching, specific quick-transfer (prompting and fading) procedures, and the use of both discrete trial training in the natural environment and during intensive teaching sessions. Many video tape demonstrations are provided to illustrate the methods to increase spontaneous language and to develop conversational skills.

About Dr. Carbone

Vincent J. Carbone is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst with over 25 years of experience designing learning environments for people with autism and development disabilities. He has been chosen by his colleagues to sit on the Florida Peer Review Committee, which monitors and guides the provision of behavior analysis services for persons with autism and related developmental disabilities in Florida.

Dr. Carbone serves as an adjunct faculty member at Penn State University, Florida Atlantic University, and Florida Institute of Technology, teaching courses in Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior. His behavior analytic research has been published in several peer-reviewed journals, and he has presented over 75 scholarly papers and invited workshops at professional meetings during the past five years. He has provided the preparatory training and clinical consultation to hundreds of certified behavior analysts in several states. His research and clinical expertise is in the area of functional assessment and the design and implementation of teaching programs for persons with autism, with special emphasis upon teaching verbal behavior to the most difficult to instruct learners. He is the developer and presenter of a series of workshops on teaching verbal behavior to children with autism based upon B.F. Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior. He is currently working with several school districts, agencies, and many families throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico, and is presently providing services to people in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Dates: Thursday - Saturday, August 26 - 28, 2004

Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm daily (check-in starts at 7:00am on August 26)

Location: The Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner

8661 Leesburg Pike

Vienna, VA 22182

Cost: Early workshop registration fee (deadline August 1st, 2004): \$175/person

Workshop registration after August 1st, 2004: \$185/person

For a registration form or more information, please contact either email

lnicklas@comcast.net or telephone 703-715-2659.

For more information about these or any events, please contact an ASA-NV I&R Specialist ([click here](#)).

ASA-NV Meetings for June

All meetings will be in room 1110 at McLean Bible Church. We start with a 'meet and greet' at 7:00PM and the presentations start at 7:30PM.

Location: McLean Bible Church, Address: 8925 Leesburg Pike (Route 7), just west of Tysons Corner, Virginia. [click here for directions](#)

June 24 Peter Gerhardt, Ed. D

Dr. Gerhardt will speak about behavioral interventions for adults with autism. He is a Consultant whose private practice is based in Baltimore, MD. He is the author or co-author of

articles and book chapters on the needs of adults with autism spectrum disorder, the school-to-work-transition process and analysis and intervention of problematic behavior. He currently serves on numerous professional advisory boards, including the Autism Society of America, MAAP Services, NJ COSAC and ASPEN. In 2002 Dr Gerhardt became the Chairman of the Scientific Council of the Organization for Autism Research.

Information and Referral Specialists:

(Fairfax Division) Lynne Rose Ryan - info@asanv.org - call (703) 495-8444 - fax: (703) 495-8445

(Loudoun Division) Laura Saunders - info2@asanv.org - call (540)-338-6660

Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Washington, D.C. 20202 [click here](#)

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Print it, fill it out, sign it, and mail it to: Jennifer Lassiter, 905 Birch Street, NE, Leesburg, VA, 20176.

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The Training Fund for Consumers and Families Members> provides funds for individuals with developmental disabilities and/or their families to attend local, state or national conferences, meetings, and workshops. The event MUST be disability related. The TFCFM may only provide some of the funding necessary for you to attend a conference, so you may need to identify other funding to assist you in attending the event. Applications MUST BE submitted before the event (at least 30 Days prior to attending in order to receive funds prior to the conference). The TFCFM is funded by the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities Contact: Janet Bixby, Manager of Outreach, TFCF, C/o Access Independence, Inc., 403-B South Loudon Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Phone (540)662-4452.


The Virginia Autism Resource Center (VARC)> can help children and adults with autism spectrum disorders find solutions to problems in your home, community or school. Free services include Information and Referral, including a lending library, Individual Case Consultation, and Training and Technical Assistance. For further information call 1-877-667-7771, 540-542-1723, or email info@varc.org.

Commonwealth Autism Service, formerly known as TAP-VA, as a statewide program, provides services to families, consumers, agencies / organizations, and professionals through the following: Information and Referral; Technical Assistance in the form of consultation, as well as training, workshops and in-services (training for school personnel); networking; follow-along; collaboration and leadership. Contact (outside Richmond) 800-649-8481 or information@autismva.org ~ www.autismva.org.

The VCU Autism Registry is a listing of names and information about children with autism in Virginia. The information you provide will be used to improve the understanding and treatment of autism and discover causes. By enrolling your child in the autism registry, you and your child will have the opportunity to share your family's experience with autism and to contribute to research. Contact 1-866-6282268 or 804-628-2268 or by email at autismreg@vcu.edu or via the web at www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/vcu_autism_center.html

ASA-NV Mission Statement:

The purpose of this organization (ASA-NV) shall be to promote the general welfare of children and adults with autism and to provide support for their families; to support the education, vocational training and recreation of those with autism; to aid in the collection and dissemination of information to parents, professionals and the general public and to foster and reinforce awareness and respect for the rights of parents as the prime case managers in their autistic family member's life.

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