

No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors and Teaching Social Skills

Jed Baker, Ph.D., Friday Keynote

Students on the autism spectrum often present with difficulty regulating their feelings and interacting socially. This workshop describes how to handle meltdowns and design effective behavior plans to prevent these moments and reduce frustration and anxiety.

Jed Baker, Ph.D. is the director of the Social Skills Training Project, a private organization serving individuals with autism and social communication problems. He also directs social skills training for Millburn Public Schools in New Jersey. His work has also been featured on ABC World News, Nightline, the CBS Early Show, and the Discovery Health Channel. He is an award winning author of five books:



- *Social Skills Training for Children and Adolescents with Aspergers Syndrome and Social Communication Problems*
- *Preparing for Life: The Complete Handbook for the Transition to Adulthood for Those with Autism and Aspergers Syndrome*
- *The Social Skills Picture Book*
- *The Social Skills Picture Book for High School and Beyond*
- *No More Meltdowns: Positive Strategies for Managing and Preventing Out-of-Control Behavior*

Raising Temple Grandin: Personal and Historical Reflections

Eustacia Cutler, Saturday Keynote



Eustacia Cutler will describe raising her daughter Temple in the conservative "Leave-it-to-Beaver" world of the fifties, a time when little was known about autism (then called "infant schizophrenia") and children like Temple were banished to institutions. She will cover some of her own life experiences, fighting to hang onto hope in the face of a complicated family battle. She will also explore the main stumbling blocks of autism as she has learned them from doctors. How, to a minor degree, traces of its characteristics are in us all.

Eustacia Cutler is the author of "A Thorn in My Pocket" which describes the challenges raising a child with autism. She has written school lessons for major TV networks, researched and scripted the TV documentary THE DISQUIETED (on autism), researched and contributed script to THE INNOCENTS, a documentary prize winning first on retardation. She has three other children and five grandsons.

Other Conference Highlights:

- ✓ **Successfully Mainstreaming Children with Autism**
Sheri Bowes, MOT, OTR/L
- ✓ **Floortime and Play Strategies** – *Lori Lichte-Brill Psy.D.*
- ✓ **Sensory Integration** – *Heidi Bonaroti, OTR/L*
- ✓ **Overview of Biomedical Treatments for Autism**
James B. Adams, Ph.D.



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Friday, March 26th

8:30 a.m. – No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors and Teaching Social Skills – *Jed Baker, Ph.D.*

10:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – **Breakout Sessions** (Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

SOCIAL SKILLS TRACK

Strategies to Increase Motivation, Social Skills, and Peer Acceptance: Part I – *Jed Baker, Ph.D.*

Strategies to Increase Motivation, Social Skills, and Peer Acceptance: Part II – *Jed Baker, Ph.D.*

Panel of Different Social Groups in Phoenix

FAMILY TRACK

What to do in your first year after diagnosis? – *Katie Wride*

How to request medical services – *Cynthia Macluskie*

Successfully Raising a Son with Autism – *Sheri Bowes, MOT, OTR/L*

Autism is a Family Experience: Building Relationships that Work – *Danielle Jackson and Heather Canary, Ph.D.*

Taking Care of Yourself – *Gayle Nobel*

Sensory and Executive Functioning Issues – *Susan Golubock, M.Ed, OTR/L*

MEDICAL/BIOMEDICAL TRACK

Seizure Evaluation and Treatment – *Dr. Jeffrey Buchhalter, MD*

Overview of Biomedical Treatments for Autism – *James B. Adams, Ph.D.*

Co-Morbid Conditions in Autism – A Documentary

Accessing Insurance Coverage – *Cynthia Macluskie*

Saturday, March 27th

8:30 a.m. – Raising Temple Grandin: Personal and Historical Reflections – *Eustacia Cutler*

10:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – **Breakout Sessions** (Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

EDUCATION TRACK

All Children Can Succeed – *Ricki Light*

Successfully Mainstreaming Children with Autism – *Sheri Bowes, MOT, OTR/L*

Jane's Day II: the Sequel – *Laura Nagle*

Putting "Fun" Back into DysFUNCTIONal – *Dave Bachmann*

How and What Do I Teach this Kid? – *B. Ann Swaney, M.Ed.*

Web-Based Augmentative Communication – *Marti Baio, M.A., CCC-SLP*

THERAPY TRACK

Verbal Behavior in ABA – *Stephanie Ruby, M.Ed., BCBA and Katie Ulrich, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCBA*

Training Parents in JumpStart – *Rachel McIntosh, BCaBA*

Replacement Behaviors to Reduce Problem Behaviors – *Beatriz Conti and Alexis Boglio*

Floortime and Play Strategies – *Lori Lichte-Brill, Psy.D.*

Sensory Integration – *Heidi Bonaroti, OTR/L*

TEEN/ADULT TRACK

How are We Different? – *Laura Nagle*

Special Diets for Teens and Adults – *Tara Marshall*

Successfully Transitioning to a Post Secondary Program – *Robin Sweet*

Gaming for Aspies

Panel of Teens/Adults

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Phoenix Convention Center – WEST Bldg.
100 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

DIRECTIONS

http://www.phoenix.gov/extranet/pccd/pcc_directionsandparking.html

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is from 7:30–8:30 a.m. on both days with coffee and juice. Lunch is on your own.

WEBSITE – www.phxautism.org

Full conference speaker listing available online. Speakers/Topics confirmed at the time of printing. Please visit our website for current schedule and important information.

PARKING

Parking is \$12.00/day. No In/Out Privileges. West Garage – 185 N. 2nd St. Enter the underground parking in the West Building of the Phoenix Convention Center off of Second Street, just south of Monroe Street.

CEU'S/CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

CEU's available for Speech Language Pathologists (7 contact hours/day), Arizona Department of Health (*approval pending*).

Certificates of Attendance are available at the end of each day (7 contact hours/day).

HOTEL

Hotel information available online at www.phxautism.org or www.hotels.com.

Registration Form: *Greater Phoenix Autism/Asperger's Conference*

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Register Online: www.phxautism.org (preferred) or send in the form below.

✓ **Financial aid available for families with household income under \$50,000/year.** For more information call us at (480) 831-2047 or email us at conference@phxautism.org by Monday, March 15, 2010 to ensure availability.

Early Bird Registration: Registered and paid by March 5, 2010 Regular Registration: after March 5, 2010

Category	Friday, March 26th		Saturday, March 27th		Both Days: Friday/Saturday		Amount
	Early	Regular	Early	Regular	Early	Regular	
1st Parent/Family Member	\$90	\$100	\$90	\$100	\$160	\$180	
2nd Family Member	\$75	\$85	\$75	\$85	\$140	\$160	
Professional	\$120	\$130	\$120	\$130	\$190	\$210	
Parapro/Hab/Student*	\$50*	\$60*	\$50*	\$60*	\$80*	\$95*	*
People with Autism/Asperger's	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$40	
Refunds: 75% prior to March 23; no refunds after March 23				Conference Total:			

* For **Parapro/Hab** Rate, include letter from agency stating you work with autistic children/adults and that your salary is below \$15/hour. Register only by mail/fax.

* For **Student** Rate, include copy of your transcript showing that you are currently taking 12 or more credits. Register only by mail/fax. (A copy must accompany this registration form.)

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail (for e-mail confirmation, if registered by March 23rd) _____ Daytime Phone _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check # _____
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(A copy must accompany this form) Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

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In Collaboration With:

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East Valley Autism Network (EVAN) • Exceptional Expectations • Gateway Academy and Spectrum Transition Program
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