

Young Children with Autism: Regulation & Social Engagement as Building Blocks for Early Learning

Presented by **Mary Graczyk-McMullen**, popular state and national presenter on autism

Friday, January 20, 2012
Registration: 8:00 AM
Program: 8:30 – 4:00
Lunch included
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In the field of education, there is little dispute that the earlier a child receives effective intervention, the more likely a beneficial long term effect. Yet, some of our youngest students with autism are like a puzzle to us. Teaching strategies and activities that motivate other students might not work. A child might be able to recite facts and figures about his favorite topic, but not follow basic directions.

In this workshop, participants will explore:

- The use of **social interaction as a multi-faceted tool for learning** that teaches essential 21 Century Skills such as creativity, communication, problem solving and collaboration, in a uniquely engaging manner.
- **Visuals, resources and personal stories that highlight strategies to increase self-regulation**, a critical component of curriculum for any young child with ASD.
- The use of **naturally occurring routines and activities for systematic skill development** that reduce the need for generalization training and separate curriculum.
- Essential team communication to agree on **priorities for student learning and strategies that engage**.

Who should attend? *School teams, parents, childcare, family resource and public health staff working with young children with autism, ages preschool through 3rd grade.

Mary Graczyk-McMullen is an experienced teacher, trainer, and nationally recognized consultant. She has worked with and supported individuals on the autism spectrum for 30 years. She is a primary developer and instructor for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction State-Wide Autism Training Project. Mary also works as an adjunct instructor at Cardinal Stritch University and the University of St. Thomas. She is currently in private practice, providing consultation and professional training to families, numerous school districts, and community agencies. Mary has great passion for her work and strives to improve understanding and enhance relationships between individuals on the autism spectrum and those who live and work with them.

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Workshop Cost: \$75

Registrations accepted until January 17 OR until workshop is full.

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