Please join us for a presentation on

Improving Quality of Life Outcomes across the Lifespan for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum

Presented by

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The past decade has seen reports citing the dramatic increase in the prevalence of autism and related disorders (ASD) to the current 1 case per 88 individuals most recently identified by the Centers for Disease Control (2011). While the reasons behind this increase remain unclear, what is clear is that there are greater numbers of individuals being diagnosed with ASD than ever before and subsequently, steadily growing numbers of adolescents and young adults on the autism spectrum. Subsequently, this increase in prevalence has created an increased demand for appropriate and effective services for adolescents and young adults with ASD.

Unfortunately, the need for such services continues to far exceed the available resources, leaving a generation of individuals with autism and their families in a programmatic, financial, and personal limbo. This presentation will discuss an overview of effective transition programming at any age – with the ultimate goal being a life of dignity, competence, happiness, and quality. An overview of transition planning, community based instruction, social competence, sexuality and sexual safety, and quality of life concerns will also be discussed.

Dr. Peter Gerhardt is Director of Education at the Upper School for the McCarton School in New York City. Dr. Gerhardt has over 30 years experience utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis in support of adolescents and adults with ASD in educational, employment, residential, and community-based settings. He is the author or co-author of articles and book chapters on the needs of adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder and he has presented nationally and internationally on this topic.

Dr. Erica Holding, is the Executive Director and Founder of Avita Nova Academy, a behavioral services company located in Lake Forest, CA. Dr. Holding received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Connecticut and her Master’s degree in Counseling Psychology from Rutgers the State University of New Jersey. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral level. Dr. Holding has over 20 years of experience in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of children, adolescents, and young adults with a variety of developmental disabilities and behavior disorders in school, home, community, and clinic settings.

When: Monday, February 25, 2013, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Regional Center of Orange County (ROCOC)
Tustin Centre Tower Building
1525 Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana 92705
Cost: $30.00 per person (includes Subway boxed lunch); Add an additional $50 for CE hours for SLP, SLPA, LCSW, Psychologists, MFT, BCBA, BcABA (You must be present for the entire 5 hours)
(Any requests for cancellation must be received by February 18, 2013, for a refund. Refunds will not be granted after this date.)

Pre-registration: REQUIRED

Seminar meets the qualifications for 5 hours of continuing professional development hours for Speech-Language Pathologists or Audiologists as required by the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board (Regional Center of Orange County provider number PDP 136) and for 5 hours of Type 2 continuing education units for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (Provider Number: OP-06-1023). CE hours have been approved for 5 hours of continuing professional development hours for Social Workers, Psychologist and Marriage & Family Therapists. This activity is jointly sponsored by the County of Orange Health Care Agency (OCHCA) which is an approved provider of continuing education hours for the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (provider no. PCE389) and is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. This seminar meets the qualifications for 5 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs and LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, OCHCA maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Hosted by: Regional Center of Orange County, Interagency Autism Group, the Orange County Health Care Agency, and For OC Kids

No confirmation of registration will be provided. You will be notified only if your registration cannot be accepted. Registrations accepted until capacity is reached. If needed, in-home respite may be available. Contact your Regional Center Service Coordinator. If you have questions, please call Kelly Rico at (714) 796-5330.

Registration Form for February 25, 2013: Improving Quality of Life Outcomes across the Lifespan for Individuals on the Spectrum
Registration Fee: $30.00 per person + an additional $50 for CE hours. Reservations accepted by check only.

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Phone (___) ____________ Applying for CE hours: □ Yes □ No CE Discipline is □ SLP(A) □ LCSW □ Psych □ MFT □ BCBA/BCaBA (If one of these does not apply, please do not pay the additional $50 fee for CE hours.) Please make check payable to: Regional Center of Orange County, and mail completed registration form and $30.00 (plus an additional $50 for CE hours as indicated above) to: Kelly Rico, Regional Center of Orange County, P.O. Box 22010, Santa Ana, CA 92702-2010