

Early Intervention Registration Form

Tuesday, September 27th, 2011

8:30am-4:00pm

THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.
SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

You can also save your space early by registering on line
by visiting www.alivecontroversy.com.

(Please write clearly and complete a separate form for
each person attending conference)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____

School/Organization Representing: _____

Please Check All Appropriate Descriptions:

Parent Teacher Other _____

Registration Fee: \$70.00 per person. Morning coffee and
lunch are included.

Check (Please make all checks or purchase orders paya-
ble to: "Autism Training Opportunities of Southwest Vir-
ginia")

Credit Card

Mastercard/Visa only: Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Card Holder's Name: _____

We will begin registration by 7:30 a.m. Training will begin
by 8:30a.m. and will end by 4:00 p.m.

This conference is at the VCOM Conference Center, located
at the VCOM Conference Center in the Corporate R VCOM
II Building of Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center,
2280 Kraft Drive (same building as Star One Bank), Blacks-
burg, VA 24060.

Hotel Accommodations: Courtyard Marriott, Blacksburg,
VA. Telephone: 540-552-5222. Group Rate of \$98.00 per
night per room (if booked before September 19, 2011)

Registration for this training is on a first come-first served
basis. Space is limited. Due to space limitations, the follow-
ing reservation and cancellation policies are in effect: Reser-
vations cannot be made without payment.

We do accept Purchase Orders from schools and agencies.
But guidelines are in place, once the purchase order is send
and invoice is faxed your agency is responsible for the pay-
ment regardless of cancelation/ you can send a different staff
member due that we reserve that space there forth we consid-
ered it sold. Please send them no later than the September 19
2011 deadline.

Cancellations: The following policies apply to registrations
secured by cash, check, or credit card: 50% refund if can-
celled by September 15th , no refund available for registra-
tions cancelled after September 15, 2011. In extenuating
circumstances, transfer of the conference registration to an-
other person will be allowed.

Please mail, fax, or e-mail your registration to:

Roxana Hartmann
404 Clairmont Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060
Fax: 1-888-200-4241

For more information:

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or on the web at www.alivecontroversy.com



Autism Early Intervention Conference

Getting Babies Ready
for the Future:
0 to 5 Years

Tuesday, September 27th, 2011

8:30am-4:00pm (Registration begins at 7:30am)

Location: VCOM Conference Center, Blacksburg, VA

Autism Training Opportunities of Southwest Virginia

Hosted by the authors of "A Live Controversy"

Key note speaker: Roxana Hartmann

Save the Date – Register Early

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS

Target audience: Educators, service providers, parents
and family members, anyone interested in the topic and
the future of autism.

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Integrating Sensory Strategies to Improve Outcomes and Participa- tion in Natural Contexts

With the right kind of support, ALL children can be successful. This session will address common behavioral challenges that may be related to poor processing and integration of sensory information experienced by young children with autism. Meaningful participation can be facilitated by preventing barriers, altering, adapting, and modifying contexts and demands, creating circumstances that support performance, and establishing/restoring skills and ability. Natural settings and environments are preferable for better outcomes. Recent research findings provide evidence that the most effective interventions that address sensory processing skills in children with autism are those that integrate intervention within the child's natural daily routines. Recommendations for sensory interventions in natural contexts and collaboration strategies to strengthen the OT's role as a team member will be presented. This conference will also provide attendees with an overview of the phases of the Picture Communication System (PECS). We will discuss using PECS to expand communication skills and effective ways to incorporate use of PECS in the classroom.

Andrea Dixon >>>

Andrea Dixon specializes in working with children birth to five years of age with special needs. She attended James Madison University in VA for both her undergraduate work in psychology and a Masters degree in Early Childhood Special Education. She and is a certified Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) . She believes that by teaching our children in an inclusive setting, we teach all children to reach their highest potential. She recently started teaching science clubs and special interest groups about the benefit of honeybees, after receiving a grant to start a beehive in a local community garden.

Roxana Hartmann >>>

Roxana Hartmann is a private consultant and an International speaker from Blacksburg, Virginia. Roxana has over 22 years of experience on disability issues and state of the art educational practices, her commitment to all aspects of the advocacy from Inclusive Education, Person Center Planning, Positive Behavior Supports, self-determination, friendships and natural supports, are some of the areas that she considers pivotal to ensure best outcomes for people in the autism spectrum. She is the mother of a young man with autism who is nonverbal and has been fully included from preschool and today continues to take higher education courses. She has been featured on the Today Show, People Magazine, CBS this morning, The News Hour with Jim Leher, She has been quoted and featured in the Washington Post, New York Times, USA TODAY, and the AP Worldwide.

Gillian A. Rai >>>

Gillian A Rai M.Ed., OTR/L is a pediatric Occupational Therapist as well as Assistant Professor at Jefferson College of Health Sciences. She is currently working on her Doctorate in OT (Pediatrics) at Temple University in Philadelphia, where she also obtained her SIPT (Sensory Integration and Praxis Testing) certification. She graduated from the University of Durban-Westville, South Africa with a degree in Occupational Therapy. Gillian also earned a Masters degree in Special Education (Learning Disabilities concentration) from Virginia Tech. Gillian has 17 years of combined practice and teaching experience here and abroad in the field of pediatric Occupational Therapy, serving children and families in private practice settings, school system settings, early intervention settings, and others. Her area of expertise is working with individuals with sensory integration and sensory processing difficulties.

Janna Schwartz >>>

Janna Schwartz began her career as an ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) Assistant working with children with autism displaying intense behaviors in Fairfax County Public Schools. She received her Master's Degree in Special Education / Early Childhood Development from George Mason University and taught self-contained classrooms for preschoolers with autism for 6 years in Northern Virginia and Roanoke. Janna is the CoPA (Communities of Practice in Autism) leader in the Roanoke area and is the Autism Specialist for Roanoke City Public Schools. She is currently pursuing her BCBA (Board Certification for Behavior Analysis).

Dr. Chris Mann Sullivan >>>

Dr. Sullivan is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) & Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D). She runs a private practice, *Lake Norman Counseling & Autism Services*, in Mooresville, NC (www.LKNCAS.org). She and her husband also started *The Sea of Dania* (www.SeaOfDania.org) to help families with children on the spectrum receive free post-placental testing from Yale Medical Hospital after their daughter was diagnosed with Trophoblastic Inclusions (TI), a condition that is a potential genetic marker for the early diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Sullivan has published numerous articles in professional journals in the field of counseling as well as rehabilitation. She is also nationally published on the topic of Autism and Early Identification [Journal of Counseling and Development and has recently published her first children's book entitled "Oh No, Not The Shot" to help children cope the fear of going to the doctor's office.

Kathleen Wright >>>

Kathleen Wright works as a speech-language pathologist and autism consultant for Montgomery County Public Schools. She received her B.S. degree as a Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped from SUNY Fredonia, M.S. degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Radford University, and a Certificate in Autism Studies from Radford University. Kathleen has 19 years experience working with students with speech and language disorders in the public schools and is a certified Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) Implementer. She has a special interest in working with students with autism spectrum disorders and expanding their communication skills.