



# Autism Workshops

{Lunch will be provided at each session.}

## Practical Solutions for Preventing Tantrums, Rage, and Meltdowns by Dr. Brenda Smith Myles [1 credit]

**Friday, June 6, 2008 | 9am to 3pm**

This session will address common behavioral issues for students with Asperger Syndrome and high functioning autism. In addition, effective intervention strategies to improve student behavior will be presented. Information will be provided on the rage cycle, effective behavior management strategies, and supports to assist in stabilizing individuals who are demonstrating a decline in academic performance and/or an increase in social interaction difficulties and problem behaviors. Prevention strategies will also be highlighted, including planning effective strategies for success in the community.

*Dr. Myles is a nationally recognized expert in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders. She has done extensive research, publication, and teaching in the field. She lives in Overland Park, KS.*

## Understanding Autism: What Teachers and Parents Can Do to Help our Children Succeed in School by Tysha Potter [.5 credit]

**Friday, June 13, 2008 | 9am to 1pm**

The mystery behind autism will unfold in this seminar as we fully explore what it means to have autism, the complexities behind the learning deficits and behaviors, and what teachers and parents can do to make a positive difference in the lives of these children. You will come away with an abundance of realistic, workable teaching techniques so that all students can thrive in your classroom and you can maintain your sanity.

*Tysha Potter is a full-time Instructor in the Department of Psychology and Counseling at Pittsburg State University. She is also the mother of a 5-year-old child with autism. Her research interests include the biomedical and educational treatments in autism and special education law.*

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## Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence: Practical Solutions for School and Home Success by Dr. Brenda Smith Myles [1 credit]

**Friday, July 18, 2008 | 9am to 3pm**

This session will provide an overview of strategies that facilitate success in school, home, and community. The following areas will be addressed: social, academic, behavior, sensory, and transition. Strategies will be presented for general and special education settings. In addition, attendees will be provided with a method for implementing strategies throughout the day.

## Visual Support Strategies and Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder by Terri Cooper Swanson [1 credit]

**Friday, July 25, 2008 | 9am to 3pm**

Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) learn in a variety of ways, however, research supports that they learn best through seeing. Visual support strategies help the student with ASD to: (a) learn more quickly, (b) reduce aggressive or self-injurious behavior, (c) decrease frustration and anxiety, (d) learn to adjust to changes, (e) complete work by themselves, and (e) increase independence. After participating in this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Identify student learning traits that effect communication, socialization, and behavior, and understand how visual strategies can support the student's needs.
2. Follow informal guidelines for effective assessment.
3. Explain how to support students with ASD based upon their ability to understand their environment.
4. Develop and implement visual support strategies to meet the needs of varied learners in their classroom.

*Terri Cooper Swanson is a doctoral student at the University of Kansas, completing her Ph.D. in Autism. She has done research in the field of autism and serves as a consultant to school districts. She will join the faculty at Pittsburg State University in August, 2008.*

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*All of the workshops will be funded through the Helen S. Boylan Foundation and will be offered to the public free of charge.*



The workshops will be held at the:  
**Southeast Kansas Education Service Center**  
947 W. 47 Highway  
Girard, KS 66743  
620-724-6281

Space is limited.  
Please register early on the Greenbush web site at:  
<http://mc.greenbush.org/>  
Click on “workshops”

Pittsburg State University is offering optional graduate credit for attendees. Students must be eligible for admission to PSU Graduate School in order to receive credit.

Fees:  
.5 credit \$99.50  
1 credit \$199

You may enroll on site the day of the workshop.

If participants wish to enroll for graduate credit through Pittsburg State, they will be responsible for paying the tuition costs on the day of the workshop.

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