

MAINE SUPPORT NETWORK

Introduction to Social Thinking:

How to Improve Your Interactions With Different Social Thinkers

April 29, 2009 (Registration Deadline: April 22, 2009)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Registration time: 3:30 p.m.)

University of Maine Presque Isle, Student Center

How do we help students become social? What are the social skills necessary to play in a group? How do I know if my student has mastered specific social skills? What skills will my student need to be a lifelong communicator?

Join us at this interactive session where you will be introduced to the process of social thinking and perspective-taking. "While this sounds fairly simple, it is a very complex process that is the very foundation of successful interpersonal relationships." (Michelle Garcia Winner 2007) Through structured teaching, we can help all students learn new skills to enhance interpersonal relationships. We will explore the four levels of interaction through play, the spectrum of perspective-taking and how it impacts interpersonal relationships, and skills that encourage social communication. Based on Michelle Garcia Winner's extensive work, this workshop will introduce you to theory and technique that will improve social thinking in your classroom.

Outcomes:

By the end of this 3 hour session participants will leave with:

- a deeper understanding of social thinking and perspective taking
- an introduction to the four levels of play
- learning to use the "I LAUGH" model to focus on specific needs
- an opportunity to explore the four levels of communication

Presenter: Therese Bernier Burns consults statewide in a number of areas including positive behavioral support, differentiated instruction and the autism spectrum. Her professional background includes 26 years of meeting the needs of all learners in the classroom. She is currently an assistant director of the Maine Support Network.

Workshop fee of \$65.00 includes hearty snacks and handouts. **Discounts available:** \$5.00 discount for registering or preregistering online using C-vent. Our **cancellation policy** is 72 hours prior to the event. You will be expected to pay if you do not attend and cannot provide **printed confirmation** of your cancellation.

Three Clock Hours will be awarded.

Co-sponsors: Maine Support Network, and Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children.

On-site facilitator: Cindy Marquis, Aroostook Region Facilitator.

This workshop is designed for parents & professionals to understand the inner mind of persons high on the Autism Spectrum (Asperger Syndrome, PDD-NOS or High Functioning Autism), with ADHD, Non-Verbal Learning Disability.

Directions: University of Maine in Presque Isle, Student Center, Presque Isle, ME.

All workshops meet Highly Qualified state criteria.



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Checks, money orders, signed purchase orders, and credit or debit card information with a paper registration may be mailed to Maine Support Network, P.O. Box 390, Readfield, ME 04355, or faxed to 207 226-2300. There is no discount with paper registrations. There is no registration without payment. (Please note that mailed and faxed registrations take longer to process and could hurt your chances of getting into a workshop.)

We will continue to accept substitutions at any of our events. If you are sending someone in your place, please be sure that they take printed confirmation of your payment with them.

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Feel free to call the Network office at 207 685-3171 with any questions.

Please fill in the form below completely.

Participant Name: _____

School District: _____ School Name: _____

Home Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Grade Level: _____

Position: _____ Email address: _____

Confirmations and cancellations will be made by email so please print address clearly.

Cash: _____ Check No: _____ PO: _____

Visa _____ MC _____ CC# _____

Expiration: _____ Signature: _____

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