Date: April 24-25, 2014

Titles: Behavior Intervention for Preschool Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Day One) and Building Social Relationships: A Systematic Approach to Teaching Social Interaction Skills to Children and Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum (Day Two)

Description: Day One: Many children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) do not adapt easily to the preschool setting. It is not uncommon to learn that a child with ASD has been dismissed from preschools because of behavioral challenges. Research has shown the importance of early intervention. These are the years to address critical social and behavioral challenges.

Behavioral difficulties such as aggression, lack of response to discipline, poor play skills, and temper tantrums all stem from underlying deficits related to ASD. Identifying these underlying factors is key to effectively addressing these behaviors. This presentation will introduce a specialized assessment tool, the Underlying Characteristics Checklist-Early Intervention (UCC-EI), designed to identify characteristics of ASD that underlie behavioral challenges. The UCC-EI is part of the Ziggurat Model—a process for designing comprehensive behavior interventions for individuals with ASD. Information gathered through use of the UCC-EI helps parents and professionals to plan an individualized comprehensive program. Further, assessment of underlying characteristics provides insight into which skills should be taught and how to design instruction in order to facilitate learning and bring about meaningful and long-lasting change. The UCC-EI offers an effective way to begin program planning—a comprehensive perspective. An overview of the process from identifying the characteristics of ASD that underlie the behavior challenges to designing plan with preschool appropriate strategies will be provided through case examples.

Day Two: The workshop will provide an overview of a social skill instructional model developed by Dr. Bellini. The workshop integrates research on social-emotional functioning with the effective strategies for teaching social skills to children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The five-step model provides a systematic and comprehensive framework to guide parents and practitioners in the development and implementation of social skills programming.

Length: Three hours on day one (1:00-4:00); Four and one half hours on day two; 8:30-3:30 (60 minute onsite lunch and 2-15 minute breaks).

Participants: This workshop is designed for Autism Specialists/Consultants and AIT Team Members. NOTE: This training is not designed for classroom teachers.

Learning Outcomes: Participants will...
- discuss at least two features of the UCC-EI
- list five areas required for a comprehensive intervention
- identify common pitfalls in intervention design for preschool individuals with ASD
- increase knowledge of social and emotional functioning
- increase awareness of the relationship between social skill deficits and social anxiety
- develop skills necessary to assess social functioning
- increase awareness of skill acquisition versus performance deficits
- increase awareness of evidence based social skill strategies
- develop skills necessary to implement social skills strategies
**Location:** Arrowhead Administration Building; 6601 Santa Fe Drive; Mission KS 66202

**Registration Fee:** $10 for Thursday ONLY; $15 for Friday ONLY; $20 for BOTH days (to cover cost of lunch and breaks provided; handouts). Make checks or P.O.s payable to Keystone Learning Services with a note that it is for TASN ATBS Autism Specialist Summit. The registration fee will be refunded for cancellations prior to April 17, 2014. For cancellations after that date or ‘no shows’ on the training days, there is no refund.

**Registration Deadline:** March 15, 2014 (If we reach our maximum capacity, you will be notified and your registration fee will be returned.) Please complete the attached registration form and send in with your registration fee by the deadline. **Send to:** Jen Houser; Mail Stop 3055, 3901 Rainbow Blvd.; Kansas City KS 66160.

**Hotel Accommodations:** TASN Autism & Tertiary Behavior Supports will provide up to 50 hotel rooms for those 100 miles or more away from the Kansas City area for the night of April 25. This is first come, first serve. We will let you know by March 29, if your hotel accommodations will be provided by TASN Autism & Tertiary Behavior Supports.

**NEW FOR 2014!!** Autism Asperger Publishing Company (AAPC) will have a bookstore both days of the training for those interested in purchasing any books/materials.

**This training has been approved for continuing education clock hours for Kansas licensed Speech Language Pathologists by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.**
Registration Form - Autism Specialist Summit 2014

Name: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

District: _______________________________

Position: ___Autism Specialist/Consultant; ___AIT team member; ___Other (please specify) _______________________________

Please include any requests for provisions, services, or equipment per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or any food allergies: _______________________________

In order to determine if a hotel room is needed, please check one:

_____ I live 100 or more miles from the Kansas City area and would like a hotel room.

_____ I live 100 or more miles from the Kansas City area, but don’t want a hotel room.

_____ I don’t live 100 or more miles from the Kansas City area.

To determine type of accommodation required (if you are 100+ miles away), please check one:

_____ I am traveling with a colleague and will room with: _______________________________

(please include their registration and fee, so that both are registered.)

_____ I am traveling alone and would like a room for myself.

Please read and initial that you understand the following policy regarding hotel accommodations:

______ I understand that if I don’t inform TASN ATBS of my inability to attend and TASN ATBS incurs charges for my unused hotel room, my district/cooperative will be billed for those charges.

Registration fee included with form (please make checks and/or P.O.s out to Keystone Learning Services with a note that it is for TASN ATBS Autism Specialist Summit):

_____ Thursday ONLY _____ $10 Check; _____ Purchase Order
**Registration fee will be refunded for cancellations on or before April 17, 2014. Call or email Jen Houser (913.588.5943; jhouser@kumc.edu) to cancel your attendance. For those cancellations made after April 17, 2014 or ‘no shows’ the days of the training, the registration fee will NOT be refunded.

Return this registration form and fee by March 15, 2014 to Jen Houser; Mail Stop 3055; 3901 Rainbow Blvd.; Kansas City KS 66160 or via fax (for registrations with POs only) 913.588.5942.