

A workshop for professionals,
parents and caregivers
presented by:
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A certificate of attendance will be
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days of the two-day workshop

“ADDRESSING EVERYDAY CHALLENGES OF AUTISM”

May 15-16, 2014 – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

CAPITAL REGION BOCES
900 Watervliet-Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12205

Two-day workshop registration Fee \$100.00
BCBA CEUs available for completed two-day workshop

With millions of children already diagnosed with autism, and tens of thousands being diagnosed every year, parents and teachers need real help.....and they need it NOW! Addressing the varied needs of a child with autism can be overwhelming for parents and teachers, often leaving them with more questions than answers: Which skills do I teach? When do I teach them? How do I teach them?

This two-day training will help teachers and parents by zeroing in on the core deficits that define the diagnosis: functional communication, social skills, and problem behavior. The presenter will demonstrate, through extensive use of video case studies, how basic behavioral principles can be applied effectively across settings and people to address everyday challenges to improve the quality of life for children with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Specifically, participants will learn about practical strategies that can help them to:

- Establish rapport with unwilling learners
- Expand a child's interests and activities
- Utilize criterion-referenced assessment to target developmentally-appropriate IEP goals
- Teach functional communication skills to vocal and non-vocal children
- Engage children in meaningful social situations with their peers
- Expand language repertoires during individual and group natural environment teaching (NET) activities
- Utilize research-based teaching procedures to establish and maintain instructional control during discrete trial training (DTT)
- Implement reinforcement-based approaches that reduce problem behavior
- Develop effective schedules that maximize learning opportunities and eliminate down-time

Thomas M. Caffrey is the parent of a child with autism who brings personal passion to his work. His mission is to provide targeted and sustained training to teachers and other professionals who work with children who have autism in public school settings. This drive was born from a desire to help his daughter, Alicia, and other children like her. Tom received a Bachelor in Education from Arizona State University and a Master in Education from Georgian Court University. In addition, he earned a post-graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis from Penn State University. Tom is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Tom Caffrey is an internationally recognized speaker, having presented over 300 conferences and workshops on Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism. Tom's extensive use of video featuring actual case studies and his ability to make complex material understandable has made the science accessible to thousands of professionals and parents. Tom recently finished his most important work to date – a comprehensive video-based training series that zeros in on everyday challenges that parents of children with autism face, with titles that include Overcoming Irrational Fears, Expanding Interests, Getting Kids to Eat, Making Friends, etc. Currently, Tom and his colleagues at VBN Training provide professional development workshops and in-class support to schools and agencies that serve children with developmental disabilities throughout the United States and abroad.

REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Registration is on a first-come basis. Credit card payments (Visa, MC, Discover, AMEX) or payments with checks or money orders can be made via the mail, by sending completed registration form with payment to the address listed below. Credit card registrations may be faxed to 732-206-0712. Purchase orders accepted also via the mail and fax. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations 10 business days prior to the workshop date. Substitutions for original registrants are accepted. Workshop confirmations will be e-mailed. Breakfast and lunch is on your own both days. Any questions, please contact Donna at donna@abatraining.com or at 732-840-1934. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and send completed form to:**

VBN Training, PO Box 2122, Brick, NJ 08723

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