Sexuality Education and Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Presenter: Dr. Peter Gerhardt

Monday, May 11, 2015
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed for families of individuals with autism or other developmental disabilities, and professionals that work with the families. It will provide an overview of puberty and ASD, recommendations as to the focus and challenges of sexuality education with this population, and the role behavior analysis can play in this complex and important area.

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Tuesday, May 12 2015
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

During this workshop, Dr. Peter Gerhardt will be sharing his expertise in the areas of transition and sexuality education for individuals on the Autism Spectrum or with other developmental disabilities. The first half of the day will focus on providing an overview of effective transition programming, at any age, with the ultimate goal being a life of competence and quality. Particular attention will be paid to what constitutes evidence-based practice in the areas of adaptive behavior, community-based instruction and employment. The second half of the day will provide an overview of puberty and ASD, recommendations as to the focus and challenges of sexuality education with this population, and the role behavior analysis can play in this complex and important area.

There is no cost to attend either workshop, but registration is required. Register online at www.esc17.net.

Location of workshops:

Region 17 ESC
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Lubbock, Texas

Dr. Peter Gerhardt is the director of education at the upper school for the McCarton School in New York City. Dr. Gerhardt has over 30 years of experience utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis in support of adolescents and adults with ASD in educational, employment, residential and community-based settings. He is the author or coauthor of articles and book chapters on the needs of adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder and he has presented nationally and internationally on the topic.