

Autism Society of Michigan

Providing Hope~Making Human Connections~Changing Lives



2 Days in 2 Locations

Focus Workshops

ASM is on the road and headed north!

The Autism Society of Michigan is pleased to announce we will be traveling to Traverse City and St. Ignace to offer a series of focus workshops to help educate individuals, families and professionals about autism spectrum disorder and related aspects that will help those have a better understanding of what autism spectrum disorder is and the strategies, tools, and supports that are available to help those diagnosed succeed.

October 6th & 7th, 2011

Traverse City, MI

May 3rd & 4th, 2012

St. Ignace, MI

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders

This workshop will focus on the diagnosis and characteristics of autism spectrum disorders; the relationship between anxiety, sensory issues and behavior challenges, as well as practical strategies to help students with ASD make sense of their educational and social environment. Both Autism and Asperger Syndrome will be discussed. Presenters: Kathy Johnson and Anne Carpenter from Autism Society of Michigan.

Advocacy and the IEP

This session will provide strategies for the development and implementation of your student's IEP. The presenter will address how to develop a meaningful IEP that included communication, socialization, and sensory goals and objective. Tips on how to successfully advocate for your child will be presented from the perspective of a Mother with a child on the autism spectrum and from a professional advocate. Presenters: Kathy Johnson and Lori Swan from Autism Society of Michigan

Visual and Social Supports

This workshop will focus on: learning the importance of visual and social skill supports throughout the lifespan of an individual with autism spectrum disorder; practical examples and samples will be shown and discussed. Presenters: Kathy Johnson and Lori Swan from Autism Society of Michigan.

Transitions

This final session will focus on identifying the strengths and the needs of young adults with autism spectrum disorders as they transition into the vocational or college world. Some of the discussion topics will include Person Centered Planning, how to access community resources, how to apply for SSI/SSDI and/or college and alternatives to guardianship. Presenter: Kathy Johnson ASM Board President.

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*4 Focus Workshops presented in 2 days
available in 2 different locations. You can
attend a single workshop, one days worth,
or all 4; the choice is yours.*

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Quality Inn

561 Boulevard Drive

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Registration Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____ Phone Number: _____

Pease enroll me in the following workshop(s):

Traverse City, MI - **Deadline for registration is October 4th, 2011**

- ____ October 6th, 2011: Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder—9:00am to Noon
- ____ October 6th, 2011: Visual and Social Supports—1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
- ____ October 7th, 2011: Advocacy and the IEP—9:00a.m. to Noon
- ____ October 7th, 2011: Transitions—1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

St. Ignace, MI - **Deadline for registration is May 1st, 2012**

- ____ May 3rd, 2012: Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder—9:00a.m. to Noon
- ____ May 3rd, 2012: Visual and Social Supports—1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
- ____ May 4th, 2012: Advocacy and the IEP—9:00a.m. to Noon
- ____ May 4th, 2012: Transitions—1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Registration fee per workshop is \$15 for non-ASM members and/or \$10 for current ASM members.

Amount Paid: _____

You may register: by mail with payment by check or online at www.autism-mi.org

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to register by phone please contact Candice Ferris at (517) 882-2800 or asminr@autism-mi.org

If your interested in staying at the hotels for the focus work-shops please see next page for more details.

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Hotel Information

If you are interested in staying at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City for the focus workshops please call 1-(800)-888-8020 and ask for hotel reservations and state you are with "Education on Autism" to be quoted the group rate. Reservations at the group rate must be made prior to Monday, September 5, 2011.

If you are interested in staying at the Quality Inn in St. Ignace for the focus workshops please call 1-(906)-643-9700 and ask for hotel reservations and state you are with "The Autism Society of Michigan, group number 100791" to be quoted the group rate.

Number of rooms blocked are limited and are available on first come first serve basis.

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