



Autism

Parent Training Series

Presented by Amherst, Pelham, and Amherst-Pelham
Regional Schools for Parents/Guardians of Students
Pre-K through High School

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Amherst Regional Middle School, PD Center

10/18/17 - Behavior 101: What is Reinforcement and Why Does it Work? A conversation about the mechanics of reinforcement including small group work to discuss ways reinforcement may be used at home. Will include time to outline reinforcement systems. *Presented by: Britany Samberg, BCBA and Chris Peltier, BCBA*

11/1/17 - Facilitating Independence: Increasing Communication in the Home A conversation about how to help children with ASD achieve increased levels of independence both at home and within the community. Will include suggestions and examples from a broad range of student abilities as well as time to work in small groups to discuss individual cases and create individualized plans. *Presented by: Jen McIntire, PhD and BCBA and Britany Samberg, BCBA*

12/7/17 - Visual Schedules: Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder A conversation about why visual schedules work. Will include suggestions about when families may use visual schedules within their daily lives. Samples will be shared as well as the variety of ways these schedules can be created. Will also include time to talk in small groups to create individual schedules across a wide range of abilities. *Presented by: Melanie Collins, BCBA and Chris Peltier BCBA*

1/10/18 - Social Skills: How to Optimize your Child's Play-dates A conversation on what expectations to consider regarding play-dates as well as practical information on how to set them up and what skills to work on. Will include time to work together to share experiences and plan future play-dates. Intended for families of students with ASD who are using some type of language (verbal or augmentative) to get their needs met. *Presented by: Jennifer McIntire, PhD, BCBA and Melanie Collins, BCBA*

2/7/18 - Moving Through School: How to Adjust to New Schools and New Expectations A conversation about the different expectations when children move on from one grade to the next. Will highlight big transitions such as preschool to elementary, elementary to middle school, etc. Will include time to share and offer advice to families from our collective experiences as well as examples of material that families may find useful when approaching transitions. *Presented by: Chris Peltier, BCBA and Kris Serwecki, BCBA*

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