



JOIN US FOR 3 DAYS OF NETWORKING, LEARNING AND FUN!

What's the Problem? Preventing Problem Behaviours in Children with Developmental Challenges:

Dr. Barry Prizant is the director of Childhood Communication Services in Providence, RI and Adjunct Professor at Brown University. Problem behaviours in children with developmental challenges, such as communication disorders, learning disabilities and autism, remain one of the most difficult areas for practitioners, administrators and parents. Participants will learn about practical, respectful and innovative ways to assess, prevent, and support a child with problem behaviours, as well as ways to design supportive learning environments.



Augmentative Communication for Individuals with Autism: What's New?

Dr. Pat Miranda is a Professor in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education at the University of British Columbia. This workshop will focus on strategies for designing and implementing empirically-supported augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) supports for individuals with autism. Types of symbols and symbol assessment procedures will be reviewed, as well as strategies for teaching requesting and strategies for supporting social communication. Issues related to the use of speech-generating devices will also be included.

Empowering Parents with *More Than Words*

Fern Sussman is Program Manager at The Hanen Centre in Toronto. She has developed two programs (*More Than Words* and *TalkAbility*), in which parents learn strategies that help them utilize a variety of everyday activities to help their child learn to pay attention to them, communicate and develop interpersonal relationships. The presentation will include the importance of natural contexts in helping children develop early communication and social skills and will cover information on the *More Than Words* and *TalkAbility* programs.



Peer Play and Imagination in Autism

Dr. Pamela Wolfberg is Associate Professor of special education and director of the Autism Spectrum graduate program (Project Mosaic) at San Francisco State University. The presentation will cover theories on the nature of peer relations and play in children on the autism spectrum as well as methods to guide children's peer socialization, communication, play and imagination. You will also learn practical strategies for designing supportive play environments and quality peer play programs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND??

This conference is designed to provide **parents** and **professionals** with practical strategies to use with children with autism and other developmental challenges such as Down syndrome, FASD, learning disabilities, ADHD, etc... The conference will be of interest to a wide range of professionals including child care professionals, health professionals, SLPs, OTs, teachers, psychologists, assistants, family service providers, administrators, social workers, educators, and many others!

Edmonton Marriott River Cree

Once again we will be holding our conference at the beautiful Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort. The Marriott at River Cree Resort is a 4 ½ star, full service hotel with a lobby lounge and coffee bar, indoor pool, hot tub and fitness centre. Delegates must make their own arrangements for accommodations. A special room rate is available at the Marriott at River Cree Resort until **Wednesday, Dec 9/09** at **\$147.00 per night** (plus applicable taxes). Additional details on booking accommodation will be provided in your *Registration Confirmation Email*.

Register Early & Win!!

Register before December 1st and your name will be entered to win a free night's accommodation and breakfast for 2 at the Marriott River Cree!!

**Don't miss out on this unique learning opportunity...
You won't be disappointed!**

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
	Thursday, January 21 st	Friday, January 22 nd	Saturday, Jan 23 rd
7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration, Breakfast & Vendors	Registration, Breakfast & Vendors	Registration, Breakfast & Vendors
8:30 - 10:15 am	Dr. Barry Prizant: <i>What's the Problem?</i> Preventing Problem Behaviours in Children with Developmental Challenges	Session A: Dr. Pat Mirenda - Augmentative & Alternative Communication Session B: Dr. Pamela Wolfberg - Peer Play and Imagination in Autism	Fern Sussman: More Than Words
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break, Networking & Vendors	Break, Networking & Vendors	Break, Networking & Vendors
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Dr. Barry Prizant: Preventing Problem Behaviours 'cont.	Session A: Dr. Pat Mirenda - Augmentative & Alternative Communication 'cont Session B: Dr. Pamela Wolfberg - Peer Play and Imagination in Autism 'cont.	Fern Sussman: More Than Words
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch, Entertainment & Vendors	Lunch, Entertainment & Vendors	Lunch & Vendors
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Dr. Barry Prizant: Preventing Problem Behaviours 'cont.	Session A: Dr. Pat Mirenda - Augmentative & Alternative Communication 'cont Session B: Dr. Pamela Wolfberg - Peer Play and Imagination in Autism 'cont.	Fern Sussman: TalkAbility
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Break, Networking & Vendors	Break, Networking & Vendors	Break, Networking & Vendors
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Parent Panel: Parents sharing perspectives & experiences	Dr. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum: Progress Towards Earlier Diagnosis of Autism AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION	Fern Sussman: TalkAbility