

Autism in the Early Years

What is good practice?



Friday 2nd July 2010

Horwood House, Nr Milton Keynes

Mursley Road, Little Horwood, Bucks, MK17 0PH

The Puzzle Centre is delighted to host this conference, near Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire, which will bring together researchers, practitioners and parent/carers to discuss the subject of early intervention for young children with autism. It will examine leading research, national strategy and good practice within both mainstream and specialist provisions, for pre-school children with autism and their families.

Professor Tony Charman, from the Institute of Education, will provide an overview of conclusions from recent research into early intervention. There will be an opportunity for small group discussions and to put questions and comments from these discussions to a panel.



for young children with autism



Conference Fees

£85 Professionals

£75 Early bird discount - booking by Fri 23rd April 2010

£60 Parents

Programme

- 9.00 - 9.30 am Registration and Refreshments
- 9.30 am Welcome - Alex Stanyer, Director, Puzzle Centre
- 9.45 am Introduction - Jane Vaughan, Interim Director of Education, National Autistic Society
- 9.55 am Opening Remarks - Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, Commons Speaker, Chair of Conference
- 10.10 am **Professor Tony Charman,**
Chair in Autism Education, Institute of Education
‘Early Intervention in Autism.
What do we know? What do we need?’
- 11.15 am Refreshments
- 11.30 am **Gina Davies,**
Specialist Speech & Language Therapist,
Attention Autism
‘Inspiring Attention and Communication Skills for Children with ASD’s in the Early Years’
- 12.15 am **Dr Karen Guldborg,**
Lecturer & Researcher,
Autism Centre for Education & Research,
University of Birmingham
‘Enabling Inclusion: Key Components of Best Autism Practice in Early Years Provision’
- 1.00 pm Lunch (*provided by organisers*)
- 1.45 pm **Alex Stanyer & Puzzle Team**
‘The Puzzle Model - Small Group Early Intervention’
- 2.30 pm Group Discussions
- 3.15 pm Refreshments
- 3.30 pm Groups’ Feedback and Question & Answer Panel
Chaired by John Bercow MP
- 4.00 pm Closing Comments
John Bercow MP and Jane Vaughan NAS
- 4.30 pm Departure





More Details

Who is it for?

Organised by the Puzzle Centre, who are experienced in providing specialist autism-specific early education, the conference is aimed at Early Years practitioners, teachers, speech and language and occupational therapists, psychologists, local authority representatives and commissioners, researchers, paediatricians, health visitors, social workers and parents or carers of young children on the spectrum.

Key Questions Addressed:

- What does the latest research say about early intervention for children with autism?
- How should we meet the needs of children with ASDs in mainstream pre-school settings?
- How can you develop attention and communication in young children with autism?
- What is the role of the Speech and Language Therapist in meeting the needs of young children with autism?
- What is an 'optimal learning environment' for a young child with autism?

Main Speakers

Professor Tony Charman: Tony Charman holds the Chair in Autism Education at the Institute of Education, London. His main research interest is the investigation of early social cognitive development in children with autism and the clinical application of this work via screening, epidemiological, intervention and 'at risk' studies.

Gina Davies: Gina has worked in the field of autism spectrum disorders for over 20 years in both clinic and education settings. She set up and ran 'a specialist nursery for children with autism' in 1992. Since 2006 she has focused on developing innovative approaches in speech and language therapy to meet the needs of both children and adults with autism.

Dr Karen Guldberg: Karen Guldberg is currently Director of the Autism Centre for Education and Research (ACER) at the School of Education, University of Birmingham. She was an Early Years teacher for many years and now runs training programmes for practitioners and carers who work with children on the autism spectrum. She and her team recently worked in partnership with National Strategies to develop the national Early Years Inclusion Development Programme in autism.

The Panel

Dr. Kerstin Wittemeyer - Lecturer in Autism at the University of Birmingham.
Dr Karen Guldberg, Gina Davies, Jane Vaughan, Alex Stanyer and a team from Puzzle.



Booking form

Please use one booking form per delegate.

Send completed forms to:

**Puzzle Conference, Puzzle Centre, The Old School, Middle Claydon, Buckingham
MK18 2ET**

or e-mail:

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Title:

First name:

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Please tick relevant status

Professional

Parent

Any special dietary requirements? (please tick)

Vegetarian

Gluten Free

Other

How did you hear about the Puzzle Conference?

Flyer

Email

Website

Other (please specify)

There will be transport available for delegates who wish to return to Milton Keynes Railway station.

Please tick if you require a seat reserved on this transport

Payment Terms

All payments must be received with completed booking form.

Please make cheques payable to **'Puzzle Centre Charitable Trust'** and send to the address at the top of this form.

Cancellations made in writing to Puzzle Centre by Friday 4th June will be refunded, less an administration charge of £ 15. Unfortunately, cancellations after this date will not be refunded. However, organisations may change the name of the delegate at any time. If you do not cancel and do not attend, no refund will be made.

If for reasons beyond the control of the conference organiser, all or part of the conference is cancelled then registration fees will be refunded after deduction of expenses already incurred.



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