

Structured Programming for Children and Youth with Autism/Complex Needs (based on TEACCH)

Presented By: Heather Linski

Date(s):

Monday, October 07, 2019
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday, October 08, 2019
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Session Location:

Central Alberta Regional Consortium
8 Page Avenue, Red Deer, AB

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Registration Fee:

\$150.00

Audience: Administration, Teachers, Educational Assistants Parents, FSCD staff, Community Support Workers Speech Language, Occupational Therapy Interdisciplinary Team Collaboration

Grade Level: K-12

Special Notes:

This 2 day workshop is a prerequisite for most subsequent sessions in this series.

About the Session:

The initial content provided in the 2 day intensive workshop will function as the foundation for this multi-disciplinary, TEACCH based programming:

Day 1

The Culture of Autism

- the Autism iceberg
- complex needs
- supports across the lifespan

Physical Structure and the Environment

- planning for structured supports
- assessments

Daily Visual Schedules

- functions..."But my child knows what to do"
- introduction to Behaviour Management using schedules

Day 2

Daily Visual Schedules: Behaviour Management continued

Work/Activity Systems introduction

- function: independence goals
- behaviour management using Work/Activity Systems

Work Systems: Task Baskets (as we all know them)

- how to set up
- creating your own
- implementation
- exemplars/case studies--across a variety of ages, abilities and settings

- how to access....don't leave them too long!
- what's next?

Activity Systems: going beyond the walls....

- leisure
- life skills
- a job?
- how to....

About the Presenter(s):

Heather Linski

Heather Linski has been a K-12 educator for over 25 years; the past 15 working with complex children and youth. She was the resource teacher for a District Behaviour program, and a District Low Incidence program, as well as teaching in a program for Young Offenders. Most recently she was the Principal of Horizon School, a District Office Coordinator for Autism/Low Incidence and a sessional EA instructor at Red Deer College. Heather holds a B.A. (Psych), B. Ed, and M. Ed (Special Ed.) with a focus in Autism. She has had advanced training at University of North Carolina TEACCH centers, and has implemented school and home-based autism programs for pre-schoolers to adults on the spectrum. In addition, Heather is a certified Trainer for the internationally acclaimed; Studio III-Low Arousal Autism/Behaviour Management program and a certified Neufeld Institute Instructor. Heather currently lives in Red Deer with her husband, and 2 daughters.