

Looking for information on software applications for autism? Then this workshop is for you! Ms. Herskowitz will share her knowledge in this area, as well as in a special section targeted for parents that's designed to share her perspectives as a parent of a son with autism. The section entitled, "Having It All" discusses how to balance the demands of a child with autism with the everyday challenges of life.

**At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to:**

1. Identify the seven stages of language acquisition.
2. Select appropriate programs for each state of language acquisition as they apply to autism.
3. Describe three programs for improving auditory processing.
4. Identify three programs for improving social skills.
5. Describe the relationship between literacy and language disorders.

**Who Should Attend?** Parents, family members, service coordinators, teachers, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and other professionals interested in learning more about available services and programs that could help an individual with ASD and their family function with greater ease in our world.

**Location?** Classics V Conference Center is located at 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.—One mile north of the Niagara Falls Blvd. Exit on the I-290 or Youngmann Hwy.

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**Computer-Based Intervention  
For Individuals with Autism**



*Co-Sponsored by the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Western New York*

**Classics V  
Conference &  
Banquet Center**

2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
Amherst, NY 14228  
**Cost: \$22/\$15\***

**Saturday,  
October 13, 2007  
8:45 am– 3:30 pm**



## About the Speaker- Valerie Herskowitz, M.A./CCC-SLP

A 1978 graduate of the University of Miami with a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology, Valerie Herskowitz's career as a speech-language pathologist has spanned the past 29 years. Since 1981, as owner of Dimensions Therapy Center, she has been providing private therapy services and special family outings to the families in the South Florida area. Her youngest son, Blake, was diagnosed in 1993 with autism. Valerie is also an international speaker on the subject of computer-based intervention with special needs individuals. Being both a parent to Blake as well as a therapist has given her the opportunity to reach out and help families deal with the unique problems that they face in parenting a child with autism. She was the recipient of the Stevie Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004. In 2005, Dimensions Therapy Center was awarded the South Florida Parenting Judge's Choice for Best Center for Special Needs in South Florida.



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Continuing Education Board of The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to offer continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This workshop is being offered for .5 CEUs (Intermediate level, professional area). ASHA approval of CE Provider status does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**8:00-8:40:** Registration, Continental Breakfast.

**8:40-8:45:** Intro

**8:45-9:15:** Background, Research, and Video.

**9:15-10:00:** Stages of Language Acquisition and Software Programs Part I.

**10:00-10:15:** Morning Break

**10:15-10:45:** Stages of Language Acquisition and Software Programs Part II.

**10:45-11:30:** Software for Auditory Processing and Social Skills Development.

**11:30-12:30:** Lunch (Provided)

**12:30-2:00:** Software Demonstrations.

**2:00-2:15:** Afternoon Break

**2:15-3:15:** Having It All.

**3:15-3:30:** Q & A

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## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates of attendance will be available at the conference only. Please check if you need one. \_\_\_\_\_

ASHA CEU Credit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.00 Professionals**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Parents  
(Scholarships Available for Parents- Please call (716) 633-2275.)**

**Registration Deadline: October 9, 2007 (No refunds after this date).**

**Registration the day of the conference: \$35.00**

Please make checks payable to: **ASAWNY Chapter**

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***You must be PRE-REGISTERED to be guaranteed conference packet with handouts.***