

Paula Aquilla, noted co-author of ***Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration - Therapy for Children with Autism & Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders***, will present an informative half-day workshop focusing on the selection of practical sensory techniques to use with individuals with ASD. She will describe how sensory processing differences and needs can impact learning and behavior in both the home and school settings. Participants will leave the workshop with strategies that can be implemented the same day, including the use of a sensory diet to assist in improving a child's behavior and learning readiness skills. The speaker will also describe strategies to improve communication among parents, teachers and professionals.

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

1. List the basic neurological processes involved in the processing of sensory information.
2. Describe the role attention and emotion play in sensory processing and subsequent behavior.
3. Select appropriate ways to best assess sensory needs.
4. List ways to create a sensory diet at home and at school to improve the child's behavior and ability to learn.
5. Identify current research in the area of sensory processing.

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 Western New York Chapter (ASAWNY)
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The Autism Society of America WNY Chapter
 and Autistic Services, Inc.
 Invite You to Attend:



**Building Bridges
 Sensory Strategies
 for Individuals with ASD**
 with Paula Aquilla O.T. co-author
Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration

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Classics V
 Conference &
 Banquet Center
 Amherst, NY

\$10 Professionals

\$5 Parents &
 Individuals w/ASD

Saturday,
 April 26, 2008
 8:45am–
 12:45pm

About the Speaker

Paula Aquilla, B.Sc., OT

Paula Aquilla, co-author of *Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration -Therapy for Children with Autism and Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders*, is a practicing occupational therapist with over 20 years of experience. A 1986 graduate of the University of Toronto, Ms. Aquilla has worked in a wide range of settings with both children and adults diagnosed with autism and sensory processing disorders. Certified in Sensory Integration and the Praxis Test Battery, she founded an infant program, the *Yes I Can! Integrated Nursery School* and *Yes I Can! Summer camp*. She was the founding executive director of *Giant Steps* in Toronto, which provides academic and therapy programs to school aged children diagnosed with ASD.

Ms. Aquilla is currently studying Osteopathy at the Canadian College of Osteopathy, while continuing to work as a consultant and active treating therapist in private practice. She is also the mother of two girls, and currently resides in Toronto, Ontario with her family.



The Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Western New York is approved by the 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 .3 CEUs (Intermediate level, related area). ASHA approval of CE Provider status does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

8:00-8:45: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45-9:00: Introduction

9:00– 10:30: Neurological Process of Sensory Integration; Assessment

10:30-10:45: Morning Break

10:45-12:15: Practical Sensory Strategies for Individuals with ASD; “What’s New: A Look at the Research.”

12:15-12:45: Q and A

Please note: Copies of Paula’s book, *Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration*, will be available for sale at the workshop.

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.

Who Should Attend? Parents, family members, individuals with ASD, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, teachers, and other professionals interested in learning more about *Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration*.

Additional brochures are available online at www.autismwny.org or at www.autisticservices.org or call (716) 633-2275.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name : _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Check for Certificate of attendance _____ Available the day of conference ONLY.

ASHA CEU Credit: _____

Professionals: \$10

Parents/Individuals w/ASD: \$5

Scholarships Available for Parents or Individuals with ASD based on financial need. Call (716) 633-2275.

**Registration Deadline: April 21, 2008
No refunds after this date**

**Registration Day of Conference \$15
You must be PRE-REGISTERED to be guaranteed a conference packet with handouts.**

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