

About the Speakers

Kathy Giordano

Kathy Giordano has a B.A. and a background in teaching. She works as a Behavioral Specialist assisting families and school districts in establishing positive and proactive support strategies for children with Aspergers, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Attention Deficit, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and Tourette Syndrome. She is also a consultant regarding Functional Behavior Assessments. Kathy Giordano is employed by the Advocacy Center in Rochester, NY and the National Tourette Syndrome Association . She also has her own consulting business and is a parent of three adult children. Her youngest son is diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome with related neurobehavioral disorders. She presents nationally on utilizing proactive and positive behavioral interventions rather than reactive and punitive responses when providing support for children with neurological disorders.

Jennifer Baxter, MSW

Jennifer Baxter is employed by the Advocacy Center in Rochester as an Educational Advocate for families who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She also has a private therapy practice where she counsels families and individuals. Jennifer has 3 school aged children, one of whom has Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) , an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

ASAWNY Chapter

Autism Society of America WNY Chapter
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Autism Society of America
Western New York Chapter
and
Autistic Services, Inc.
Invite You To Attend:

Strategies for Success Positive and Proactive Support Strategies for Individuals with ASD

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Behavioral Specialist

&

Jennifer Baxter, MSW

Educational Advocate

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

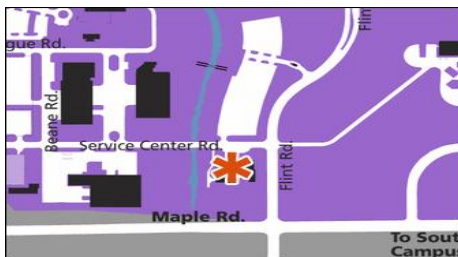


**Date: Saturday
April 1, 2006
Time: 8:45am –12:30pm
Cost: \$10.00
Location: UB's Center for
Tomorrow (North Campus)**

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop should give participants an understanding of positive and proactive support strategies used to increase appropriate behaviors of those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at home, in school, and in the community. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the advantages of using positive/pro-active strategies vs. punitive/reactive measures.
2. List effective positive intervention strategies.



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Directions to UB's Center for Tomorrow Located on Flint Road off Maple Road near the entrance to UB's North (Amherst) Campus. Center for Tomorrow has it's own parking lot .

From Thruway: Take exit 50 (I-290 West or Youngmann), then take exit 5B (Millersport Hwy. North)
OR

From I-290 East : take the 990 exit. Keep right and take Exit 1, the UB exit.

Who Should Attend? Parents of children and adults with ASD, individuals with ASD, family members, behavioral specialists, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, special education teachers, and any professionals interested in helping a child with ASD function with greater ease in our world.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

8:45-9:00: Intro: ASAWNY/Autistic Services Inc.

9:00-10:45: Topics: Why positive and proactive strategies work and why negative consequences don't . Also, "A Mother's Viewpoint –Listen to your gut instincts in working with child or adult with ASD."

10:45-11:00: Break and Refreshments

11:00-12:15: Topics: Tips and strategies to implement positive and proactive intervention strategies in the home, school, and community.

12:15-12:30: Question and Answer Session

Workshop Focus The presenters are both parents of children with neurological disorders. Their philosophy is to support and empower parents and professionals to look within themselves for answers to address the unique challenges and strengths that each child and adult with developmental disorders presents.



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 REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

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

ASHA CEU Credit only _____

Registration Fee- \$10.00 per person.

Registration Deadline: March 24, 2006

(No refunds after this date). Registration after this date and at the door - \$20. Please register early to help us plan for handouts.

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