

FREE WORKSHOP

For Parents/Guardians of children/youth with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

Individual Education Plan (IEP) for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presenter: *Patricia O'Connor - Integrated Autism Consulting*

Patricia O'Connor has had a lifelong interest in assisting individuals with exceptionalities. From her 35 years as an Educator in Special Education, to her volunteerism with Toronto street youth, to her involvement as Coordinator and the Director of Churches and Agencies, on the board of Barrie Out Of the Cold, Patricia has demonstrated her commitment to the betterment of the life experience of people with special needs. In her professional life this has been focused on providing solutions for the needs of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

A desire to teach, along with her brother's diagnosis of Autism, helped her develop a keen interest and awareness in the field of Special Education leading to a Master's in Education in Special Education. She has a wide spectrum of exposure in education. This includes in-class teaching in all four divisions involving regular and special education classrooms, resource teacher and consultant roles. The last 16 years of her education career were focused on developing and providing innovative approaches for the provision of ASD services for various school boards throughout Ontario. Activities involved intervention individuals with ASD in crisis, instituting demonstration ASD classrooms, writing and presenting workshops as well as university courses.

Throughout the years there has been an ongoing emphasis on integration into the broader school population and advocating for systemic implementation of exemplary practices in ASD education. Her experience and interests have generated a history of development and implementation of special education/ASD programs and in-service professional development training in Canada and the developing world.

DATE: Friday September 28, 2018

TIME: Registration begins at 08:30 AM – Workshop 9:00 AM -4:00 PM

LOCATION: RA Centre 2451 Riverside Drive Ottawa ON K1H7X7

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Snacks and lunch will be provided, please indicate at time of registration any allergies.

Free parking is available at the location.