

## LECTURE SERIES

### AUTISM AWARENESS LECTURES

DAY:  
Tuesdays

TIME:  
6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:  
Civic Hall,  
Connector 105



#### SEPTEMBER 24

##### A Basic Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders

Jennifer Hoheisel, professor of Philosophy at Camden County College, has been a teacher for the past 26 years. She is the parent of Will, a young man with autism who has been in inclusion, self-contained, private, public, and homebased classes. She and Will provide an overview of the symptoms and behavior commonly exhibited by individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Emphasis will be on understanding the strengths and challenges for these students and on equipping teachers and parents with curricula and strategies to meet some of their educational needs. This will be a very general session that both introduces Autism and provides a few “take home” strategies.

#### OCTOBER 1

##### Positive Reinforcement: What is it? How do we use it?

Rebecca Sheppard, MA, BCBA is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with *Connect Plus Therapy*. She has been working with individuals with Autism and other developmental delays for 8 years. Rebecca will discuss applying Positive Reinforcement in varied settings, looking at what reinforcement is, schedules of reinforcement, and choosing the correct type, frequency and magnitude of reinforcement in order to get the largest behavior change.

#### OCTOBER 15

##### How to Approach an IEP Meeting to Get the Services Your Child Needs (NJ and PA)

Attorneys at Hinkle, Fingles, Prior & Fischer, P.C., have over 70 years of combined experience providing specialized legal services to families of children and adults with a wide range of disabilities, and seniors. This workshop will focus on documenting the services and supports to which a student is entitled, along with the proper drafting of goals and objectives. Common pitfalls to be avoided and collaborative advocacy tips will also be discussed. Attendees should walk away feeling prepared to advocate for their child and secure an ironclad IEP.

#### OCTOBER 22

##### Choosing Functional IEP Goals

Erin Schneid, MST, BCBA is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with *Peak Center for Autism*. She has been working with children on the autism spectrum since 2006. Erin coordinated and presented free Autism Awareness assemblies to local schools throughout April and May. This talk will address choosing functionally appropriate IEP goals by looking at social validity (what is important to the client’s independence and parent concerns) and focusing on encouraging functional independence for each child.

#### OCTOBER 29

##### History of Intensive Instruction and Future Outlook

Crystal Harms, M.Ed., BCaBA is the Clinical Director at *Connect Plus Therapy*. Crystal has been a BCaBA for 22 years and was certified as a Teacher of the Handicapped in 1997. This workshop will look at the history of intensive teaching of children with ASD using ABA, current research on instruction, and the future possibilities. The session will be very conversational and allow for examples and discussion with the audience.

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**Penny Postel**

A Tumultuous Time:

Victorian America & the Civil War Mini Course