



University of Iowa Children's Hospital Autism Center presents

Understanding Autism: Practical Help for Parenting Children with Autism 2012 Workshop Schedule

Registration Information

Topic	Cost	Date and Time of Workshop	Registration Deadline
Accessing Coverage for Autism Diagnosis and Treatment	Free	January 14 (10 am to noon)	January 7
Navigating the IEP Process	Free	February 18 (10 am to noon)	February 11
Visual Supports & Systems	Free	March 24 (10 am to noon)	March 17
Promoting Your Child's Functional Communication Skills	Free	April 28 (10 am to noon)	April 21

Registration begins **December 15th**. To attend a workshop at the center register online at www.uihealthcare.org/autismcenterworkshops or by calling **319-467-5658**. To attend a workshop online via **Webinar** call **319-467-5658** or email lisa-kemmerer@uiowa.edu

- Supervised play for children ages 3 to 10 will be provided for a limited number of families for the workshops held in February, March and April. **Sorry, we are not able to provide supervised play on January 14th.**
- When registering, please identify the number of children needing supervision and their ages.
- Please let us know if there are any specific behaviors your child displays or accommodations we need to make that may help us provide the best supervision for your child during the workshop.
- All children must be registered prior to the workshop.

Location

University of Iowa Children's Hospital
Center for Disabilities and Development
Rembolt Conference Room (first floor)
100 Hawkins Drive
Iowa City, IA 52242

Contact Information

Questions or more information? Please contact:
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Directions and Parking

Maps and directions available online at: www.uihealthcare.org/yourvisit. The closest available parking is the visitor parking lot in front of the Center for Disabilities and Development. Parking is also available in Ramps 1 or 3. **There is a fee for parking.** Families can use the coined meters in the visitor parking lot or use cash or credit card in Ramps 1 and 3.

Our resource library will be open at 9:30 am for parents to browse and check out books.

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January 14: Accessing Coverage for Autism Diagnosis and Treatment

Presenters: Judith Ursitti (Director of State Government Affairs for Autism Speaks), Joshua Cobbs (Chair, Iowa Autism Council), and Scott Lindgren, PhD (Co-Director, UI Children's Hospital Autism Center)

Do you have questions about what services your child with autism qualifies for under the state's healthcare laws? The goal of this workshop is to provide families with information on how Iowa's current insurance law was passed and how the law affects the types of coverage and services for which individuals with autism and their families qualify. In addition, the panel will discuss federal healthcare reform with respect to autism coverage. The panel discussion will include a question and answer format.

February 18: Navigating the IEP Process

Presenters: Mark Cannon, M.A. and Rhonda Cox-Mased, M.Ed., NBCT

Are you part of a team that has had to develop an IEP? Have you ever wondered about the process for writing IEP goals or questioned what to do when your child's IEP starts to get off track? Many children with autism have Individualized Education Plans that address academic, behavioral, and social development. This workshop will focus on developing goals for the IEP and what to do if concerns regarding the IEP arise. Strategies for maintaining a positive relationship with a child's school will be discussed.

March 24: Visual Supports and Systems

Presenter: Kelly Trier, M.S., CCC-SLP

Would you like to help your child with transitions to new places? Do you have difficulty getting your child to follow directions verbally? Would you like your child to learn to be able to complete routines such as getting ready for school or bedtime routines independently? This workshop will demonstrate how to use visual supports such as schedules, work systems, and visual structure to help children of all ages and ability levels to learn to be independent through the use of the visual supports of Structured Teaching in the TEACCH method from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

April 28: Promoting Your Child's Functional Communication Skills

Presenter: Elizabeth (Liz) Delsandro, M.S., CCC-SLP

Does your child have little spoken language? Does your child have difficulty using spoken language in daily activities? Does your child sometimes tantrum when he or she does not get needs and wants met? Are you interested in learning ideas for motivating your child to communicate in natural environments? This workshop will focus on teaching you strategies (e.g., gaining your child's attention, motivating your child, and reinforcing your child) to encourage your child to use more words to communicate more effectively at home, in school, and in the community.

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