

Registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

School/ Agency (if applicable): _____

Position: _____

Please Indicate your Breakout Topic Number # _____

Deadline for application is one week prior to the date of the event.

ASD Conference at the RI Convention Center

RIDE Professional Development Credits Available

Check One:

I've enclosed my check/money order in the amount of \$100, payable to RITAP or P.O. # _____

I have been granted a parent scholarship

Seating is limited! Registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

No registrations will be accepted without a check or purchase order

Who should attend:

- Superintendents / Assistant Superintendents
- Principals/Assistant Principals
- Family Members
- General, Special Education and Preservice Teachers
- Teacher Assistants
- Related Services Staff
- Evaluation Teams
- Psychologists / Social Workers
- Higher Education Professionals
- Advocates
- Community Agency Staff

Upon completion of the Institute, participants will:

- Understand the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Learn how to connect and apply information about the students' learning style, strengths and needs to develop appropriate programming to increase achievements and outcomes
- Gain practical and useful evidenced based strategies that can be implemented in classrooms so students can access the curriculum and foster increased independence as well as increase academic, social and communication skills
- Know the elements of positive behavioral supports and understand how to apply these techniques with students
- Learn the meaning of "Good Teaching is Good Teaching!"



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Building Systems of Support in Schools and in the Community

Rhode Island Convention Center

September 23, 2009



Agenda

8:00am -8:30am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	10:45am -12:00pm	Breakout session (Select Topic)
8:30am -9:00am	Welcome - Kenneth G. Swanson, Director, Office for Diverse Learners, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	1. Working with Students in Preschool	
9:00am -10:30am	Keynote Presentation: Understanding Autism – Sue Constable & Amy Grattan	2. Working with Students in Elementary School	
10:30am-10:45am	Break	3. Working with Students in Middle and High School	
		4. Working with Students with Asperger Syndrome	
		5. Administrators: Planning a Continuum of Support	
		12:00pm -1:00pm	Lunch
		1:00pm-3:00pm	Breakout session (Continued)



About the Conference

This Autism Support Center conference will provide participants with a thorough understanding of the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and the implications for educational interventions. Participants will appreciate the specific learning style, the strengths of the students and learn about the accommodations that need to be put into practice so that these children can be successful in the classroom and in the community. Participants will learn to implement evidenced based supports to increase students' classroom participation, to enhance social skills and to increase independence. Information will also be provided related to individualizing instruction, augmentative communication strategies, positive behavioral supports and social skills development. This professional development opportunity has been designed with practical recommendations and is presented by staff from our public schools in Rhode Island.

About the Keynote Speakers:

Sue Constable

Sue Constable is the Director of the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project's (RITAP) Autism Support Center. RITAP is a collaborative effort of the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Diverse Learners and Rhode Island College. The ASD Support Center offers professionals, parents and individuals with ASD the information and resources necessary to increase their capacity to obtain and/or provide comprehensive and coordinated services that result in improved educational performance and enhance life-long outcomes.

Sue holds a B.S. in Elementary/Special Education from Wheelock College and a M.A. in Counseling from Framingham State College. Sue taught young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders for 10 years at ACCEPT Collaborative in Framingham, MA.

Amy Grattan

Amy Grattan, M.Ed. is a Master Teacher with the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities. Amy supports their mission of including students with significant disabilities in the general education classroom. Prior to her work with RITAP's ASD support center and the Sherlock Center, Amy worked as a classroom teacher for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Amy holds both a B.A. in Elementary/Special Education and a Master's degree in Education from Rhode Island College.

Sue and Amy are working throughout Rhode Island to create a stronger state infrastructure that supports students with ASD. This includes working with inter-agency partners, providing state-wide training and professional development to staff in schools and coordinating a state wide ASD network. Sue and Amy also monitor the incidence and needs of students with ASD within the local school districts to assist in the comprehensive planning of a state-wide infrastructure. Sue and Amy currently teach at Rhode Island College within the Continuing Education Certificate program in Autism

Participants will have an opportunity to select a breakout topic. The five breakout sessions have been designed to address the specific needs and interests of the conference participants. These sessions will be led by administrators, teachers, speech and language therapists and occupational therapists who are currently working with students with ASD in public schools across Rhode Island. All of these practitioners have participated in advanced levels of training in Autism Spectrum Disorders, and all have extensive experience working with students on the spectrum.

This conference is being offered at the RI Convention Center:

- Wednesday, September 23, 2009 (registration deadline is September 16, 2009)

Communication/Access Requests

Individuals who need a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary devices for effective participation are asked to make these needs and preferences known to RITAP staff at (401) 456-8411 by the registration deadline date.

Registration

There is a \$100.⁰⁰ fee for the conference which includes breakfast and lunch. Parking is available at the Convention Center at the daily rate. Please detach and complete the registration form and return with your check or purchase order to: RITAP, Rhode Island College, Alumni House, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence RI 02908. Please make checks payable to Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project.

