



Practical Autism Treatment – From Theories to Realities

A Case Management Survival Guide for Parents & Community Professionals

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About the Workshop

Dr. Calder's fascinating presentation, illustrated with video and her own experiences as the parent of a child with ASD, provides important insights into best practices in the treatment of children with autism. The morning session will focus on the question "Why does the child with ASD behave like that?" A better understanding of autism is the launching pad for parents and community professionals to become important members of the child's treatment team. The afternoon session will focus on parental and professional roles in the treatment team and how to make the team work in the interests of the child—a case management approach.

With a decade's experience of successfully parenting her son with autism, Dr. Calder builds on her expertise as a highly respected rehabilitative medicine specialist and combines this with her wide-ranging practical grasp of autism treatment. The result is a compelling workshop full of important insights into the special challenges of autism for parents and how they can be supported by community professionals to become active participants in their child's treatment. This focus on developing parent understanding of autism

and their role as case manager is supported by international research, which demonstrates that increased parental education and involvement can result in significantly improved outcomes for children with ASD.



About the Presenter

Dr. Calder is a Medical Rehabilitation Specialist, and has been Clinical Director of Rehabilitation Services for the Thompson

Cariboo Health Region since 1991. In her clinical practice, she has special interests in paediatric rehabilitation and brain injury. Prior to her medical career, she received a combined degree in occupational therapy and physical therapy. She has given numerous presentations on autism to medical and non-medical audiences, with a focus on the need for evidence-based treatment and interdisciplinary co-operation. Dr. Calder has a teenage son with ASD.

Who Should Attend this Workshop?

This workshop has been developed for parents, community professionals and para-professionals who wish to work as teams to address the challenges that autism treatment presents to families. Parents, teachers, speech & language pathologists, physical and occupational therapists, mental health specialists, infant development consultants, supported childcare consultants, childcare workers and special education assistants are all welcome to attend.

Just Ask! ACT Information & Support Services

ACT is a registered not-for-profit society, founded by parents of children with ASD in 2003. ACT's Information Officers are available to answer questions on which of our events would be relevant for the child or student you support. ACT also offers extensive information and support to families and community professionals on diagnostic, treatment and educational topics. We can be reached by telephone at 604-205-5467, toll-free at 1-866-939-5188, or e-mail info@actcommunity.net. Want to know more about our mission and the people behind ACT? See www.actcommunity.net/about_us.

Acknowledging Our Community Partners

ACT thanks the many parents and professionals across BC who volunteer their time to support our work. Our community volunteers range from local parents and community groups to members of our advisory board who provide a range of expertise. ACT gratefully acknowledges the Consortium for the Advancement of Child Health – SFU for co-sponsoring our events and providing excellent facilities in Vancouver at a reduced cost. See www.sfu.ca/autism-lab/. Most of ACT's events outside Metro Vancouver are made possible through subsidies provided by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). The commitment of our presenters is particularly appreciated.

ACT Bursaries

Parents may use part of their autism funding to pay for training workshops and travel costs. Check with MCFD's Autism Funding Unit for details of what percentage is permitted. Bursaries for low-income participants and/or those traveling from outside their

region are available, funded in part by MCFD. Call ACT's office for more information or e-mail info@actcommunity.net with your request before registration. Bursaries are provided as reduced registration fees. For details, see our website at www.actcommunity.net. Donations to ACT for our bursary fund are gratefully received and enable us to make our workshops more affordable as many receive no external subsidy. ACT is a registered charity: #86169 1236 RR0001. Tax receipts are issued.

Location, Schedule and Hotel Information

This event will be held at the Merritt Convention and Civic Centre, 1950 Mamette Avenue. See the ACT website for a full schedule for the event. To help keep costs down, ACT tries to negotiate preferred rates for hotel rooms in all the communities we work in—whenever practical. You must book early and mention ACT. Check our website at www.actcommunity.net or call us at 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188 for hotel information for the community presentation you are considering.

REGISTRATION FORM

Practical Autism Treatment

You may register online at www.actcommunity.net, unless you are requesting a bursary or registering as part of a group.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

E-mail (for e-mail confirmation of your registration): _____

Do you wish to receive ACT info by post? Yes Do you wish to receive workshop updates by e-mail? Yes

ACT is committed to respecting your privacy. We do not share information with any other organization or individual. See www.actcommunity.net for privacy policy.

COST (ACT is no longer required to charge GST)

Early Bird Rate (postmarked by February 29, 2008)

Regular Rate (postmarked March 1 – March 28, 2008)

Late Registration (postmarked after March 28, 2008 & at the door, space permitting)

**PARENTS, STUDENTS
PARA-PROFESSIONALS**

\$65 CDN/US

\$100 CDN/US

\$120 CDN/US

PROFESSIONALS

\$90 CDN/US

\$130 CDN/US

\$160 CDN/US

GROUP RATE: If registrants are not benefiting from other bursaries, three or more registrants paying at the same time, with one payment, requiring one receipt, receive a 20% discount. NEW: When both parents register to attend this event, the second parent pays only 50% of the registration fee.

Please check if you are the parent of a child with ASD

Please indicate your professional or para-professional status: _____

Para-professionals include group home staff, childcare workers, special education assistants, behaviour interventionists, preschool & supported childcare staff and foster parents. Students, please attach copy of student ID.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash Cheque
 Mastercard VISA

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

In addition to on-line registration, ACT accepts telephone registration using a credit card at 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188 or by fax at 604-205-5345. Registrations are accepted only when accompanied by payment. Refunds for registration, less a \$25 handling charge are available until seven days prior to the workshop. Details of the cancellation policy are available on ACT's website. Cheques that are not honoured will result in a loss of registration status. Bank charges incurred by ACT as a result of a NSF cheque are the responsibility of the registrant. Cheques or money orders should be made out to: ACT – Autism Community Training. Mail to: Suite 240–2250 Boundary Road, Burnaby, BC Canada V5M 3Z3. To confirm registration, e-mail info@actcommunity.net or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.