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A **SMILE** Training Seminar Structured Methods in Language Education

**Thursday, August 14
& Friday, August 15, 2008
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Harbour Centre Campus
Simon Fraser University
515 West Hastings St., Vancouver, BC

Conducted by
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What is SMILE?

SMILE jump-starts literacy and encourages the development of functional language. A systematic, multisensory communication development program, *SMILE* engages children as they progress through basic attending, phonemic awareness and sound–letter knowledge to the use of language in a descriptive and conversational manner.

SMILE is a method of teaching speech, reading and writing to children with severe language and communication delays. It begins with phonemes (the building blocks of speech) and progresses to the development of short stories. It also incorporates development of attention, specific and consistent teaching methodology, use of structure, routine and immediate reinforcement. Ongoing attention to generalization ensures that the pupil does not end up with a series of splinter skills that are not functional. *SMILE* is based on the Association Method, which uses a combination of visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic associations.

Who Should Attend this Workshop?

ACT has brought back Dr. Wolf-Schein because of the very positive response to her previous workshops in BC. Teachers, SLPs, educational assistants and parents have reported that *SMILE* is an effective low-tech, multisensory methodology that can be individualized for students who are speaking or reading very little or not at all. It can be easily adapted for students who are using an ABA approach in their early intervention program. While it has been used extensively for

pre-schoolers, it is also useful as an approach to teaching reading for students who need a more individualized approach.

For Which Students is this Method Appropriate?

This method can be used successfully with any pupil who has a severe language-learning disability who is still struggling despite intensive efforts to encourage speech and language. Generally these children do not imitate easily or generalize readily. They often seem to have problems with auditory memory, and they may lack expressive speech in the presence or absence of language comprehension. Children with an inability to express or to understand language symbols are a diverse group with respect to their disorder. They may be classified as aphasic, or have ASD, Down Syndrome, central auditory dysfunction, impaired hearing, or a mental handicap.

The Workshop

The program is taught in five language modules. Module 1 begins with attention-getting exercises, goes on to the teaching of single sounds and letters, and then consonant–vowel combinations. As the program progresses, pupils develop increased phonemic awareness, sound–letter knowledge, auditory and visual discrimination, sound and letter sequencing skills, word recognition, picture–word association, short sentences, and finally, concept stories using speech, reading and writing. The workshop will cover the manuals and materials and include simulations. Extensive videos of students with both autism and other challenging conditions will be utilized.

The Presenter

Enid Wolf-Schein, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, has her Doctorate in Special Education and is a certified Speech Language Pathologist. An ASHA Fellow, Dr. Wolf-Schein has published extensively in academic journals and provides training internationally. One of her current efforts is consulting to programs for special populations in Broward County, Florida, where she is in private practice.

Course Materials – SMILE Kit (not included in the cost of the workshop)

The SMILE Kit consists of a messenger bag containing the SMILE Manual, CD and five Teacher's Guides. Also included are sound, word and picture cards, white board and markers. The guides contain reproducible masters, which together produce an individualized workbook for pupils. These can be adapted to be age-appropriate and related to the special interests of the student. Cost of the kit is not included in the registration because a school or early intervention team requires only one kit. ACT can offer kits to participants at a cost of \$275 CDN per kit, including shipping and duties, if ordered by **July 11, 2008**. After July 11, the kit can be ordered directly from http://pluralpublishing.com/publications_smile.htm plus shipping and duty, but delivery will not be guaranteed in under a month. Each participant must have access to a kit during the workshop to have the full benefit of this training.

Register Early!

Space in this course is limited to 35 people. Register early to avoid disappointment.

About ACT

To find out about our upcoming workshops, visit www.actcommunity.net. You will receive all our workshop announcements automatically if you choose to join our confidential e-mail list at info@actcommunity.net. ACT also offers extensive information and support to families by telephone and e-mail. Call ACT at 604-205-5467 or toll-free at 1-866-939-5188.

ACT Bursaries

Parents may use 20% of their autism funding to pay for training workshops and travel costs. Limited bursaries for low-income participants and those traveling from outside the Lower Mainland are available. Call ACT's office for more information or e-mail info@actcommunity.net with your request. Donations to ACT for either bursary are gratefully received. ACT is a registered charity: #86169 1236 RR0001. Tax receipts are issued.

About Harbour Centre & Hotel Information

Harbour Centre is located at 515 West Hastings Street and is close to the Seabus terminal, West Coast Express, Skytrain and major bus routes. Parking is plentiful but expensive—public transit is a great option. Please visit ACT's website at www.actcommunity.net for hotels that give preferred rates to our registrants, or call us at 604-205-5467 or toll-free 1-866-939-5188. You may also e-mail us at info@actcommunity.net.

REGISTRATION FORM

SMILE: Structured Methods in Language Education

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: _____

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 OF WORKSHOP: Early Bird (postmarked by July 11) \$275 CDN/US
(ACT is no longer required to charge GST) Regular (postmarked July 12 – August 7) \$325 CDN/US
 Late Registration (postmarked after August 7, space permitting) \$350 CDN/US

SMILE KIT PRE-ORDER: \$275 CDN per kit, including shipping and duties, if ordered by July 11, 2008
(After July 11, order the kit from http://pluralpublishing.com/publications_smile.htm plus shipping and duty.)

I am aware that I must have access to a SMILE kit to register in this course.

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

Please indicate your professional or para-professional status: _____

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.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash Cheque Mastercard VISA
Name on Card _____ Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

You may also telephone in your registration using a credit card or fax to (604) 205-5345. Registrations are accepted only when accompanied by payment. Refunds for registration, less a \$25 handling charge, are available if ACT is informed one week before the workshop date. Details of cancellation policy are available at www.actcommunity.net. 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 your registration, e-mail info@actcommunity.net or telephone 604-205-5467, toll-free 1-866-939-5188.