

Mental Health Resource  
and Education Network  
presents

# Asperger Syndrome: Diagnosis and Collaborative Treatment

with

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## Who Should Attend:

Mental Health Specialists,  
Therapists,  
Counselors,  
and Educators  
(SLP, OT, PT,  
Behavior, Guidance,  
School  
Psychology,  
Administrators,  
Sp.Ed., and others)  
who come in contact  
with AS and HFA  
students and adults.

**This course is designed to educate participants about children and adults with Asperger Syndrome** and provide practical skills for effective assessment and intervention and to address the social-interaction, social-communication, and social-emotional concerns present in this population. Significant attention will be paid to diagnostic criteria and treatment intervention. You will learn how executive functions, central coherence, theory of mind, and emotional intelligence impact individuals with Asperger Syndrome. Mental Health practitioners will learn to diagnose and find effective ways of working as well as when to refer out for additional services. School-based practitioners, speech/language pathologists, and occupational therapists will learn to enhance students' academic success and their ability to initiate work assignments, increase motivation, decrease distraction, compensate for gross and fine motor deficits, and increase cognitive processing

**MHREN's hope** in presenting this training is to encourage "collaborative" treatment between the various professionals who interact with this population and to learn about what each group has to offer thereby providing a more holistic approach to treatment.

## What You Will Learn:

- How to recognize and identify behavioral symptoms of Asperger Syndrome
- Techniques used in pragmatic language assessment
- Frequent misdiagnoses and diagnostic progression
- The social and emotional issues associated with Asperger Syndrome
- Specific techniques to improve successful outcomes
- Intervention methods to combat social inappropriateness
- Current research concerning Asperger Syndrome
- Intervention for fine motor, gross motor and academic issues

## Friday, November 14, 2008

**8:30 am** Registration and coffee, tea and pastries

**9:00 am - 4:30 pm** Workshop

**Smullin Center at Rogue Valley Medical Center**

2825 E. Barnett Road, Medford

**Cost:** MHREN members: \$100  
non-members: \$120  
\$20 discount if postmarked  
prior to October 30, 2008

Mail payment to: MHREN,  
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## 6 CEUs included

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More than 30 days notice – \$25  
Less than 30 days – lose 50%  
Same day or no show – no refund.

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Nationally known for his work with Asperger's syndrome, he is the author of *The Source for Asperger's Syndrome* and *Assessing Social Communication in Asperger's Syndrome: an Introduction to the Conversational Effectiveness Profile*. He was awarded the "TEAMS 2000 Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year" for his work with autism in the 4-county greater metropolitan Orlando area and regularly presents on this topic at national and international conferences. He is a consultant for school districts and provides district-wide in-services for professional staff. His practice is limited to social-pragmatic-communication deficits.