Welcome & Updates ~ Dr. Gillis Mattson, Director- BRCASD

Workshop I
Naturalistic Teaching Strategies: An Evidence-based Approach for Teaching Play & Social Skills
Laura Grow, Ph. D., BCBA-D
Executive Director
Garden Academy

Play provides a natural context for ongoing learning and social development throughout childhood. Children with autism spectrum disorder may not readily acquire sufficient skills to play alone or with others without intervention. Naturalistic teaching strategies are an evidence-based strategy for teaching play, communication, and social skills. In this workshop, the presenter will discuss naturalistic teaching strategies that families and practitioners can use to encourage play and social skills at home and in the community. Several considerations for using naturalistic teaching strategies will be reviewed. The workshop will conclude with an activity in which participants will design several teaching scenarios based on their child's interests or the interests of a client they serve.

10:15 AM  Break & Networking Period

10:30 AM  Workshop II
SLP-ABA Collaboration: Supporting Learners with ASD
Marcele Koenig, Ph. D., CCC-SLP, BCBA
Professor, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders
West Chester University

This presentation will describe the importance of SLP-ABA collaboration for supporting learners with ASD and their families; challenges to SLP-ABA collaboration; complementary resources offered by SLP and ABA professionals; standards for collaboration based on the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC); and strategies for Collaboration based on the Conjoint Behavioral Consultation Model. At the end of the presentation, participants will be engaged in a problem-based learning activity involving the identification of case-based learning objectives.

12:00 PM  Conference Adjourns; CEU and CTLE Check-out
Laura Grow, Ph. D., BCBA-D
Executive Director
Garden Academy

Dr. Grow is the Executive Director of Garden Academy. She received her doctorate in behavior analysis from Western Michigan University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Munroe-Meyer Institute. Dr. Grow is a former faculty member of California State University-Fresno and University of British Columbia. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst at the doctoral level. She has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis and The Analysis of Verbal Behavior. Dr. Grow is a current editorial board member for Behavior Analysis in Practice. She has published over 20 research studies in top-tiered journals in behavior analysis and education. Dr. Grow has 17 years of experience implementing and directing services for individuals with developmental disabilities across the lifespan. Her clinical and research interests include teaching language and communication skills, comparing the efficiency and effectiveness of teaching strategies, and refining parent and staff training techniques.

Mareile Koenig, Ph. D., CCC-SLP, BCBA
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Dr. Koenig is Professor of CSD at West Chester University. She is a clinically certified SLP and a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She has supported individuals with autism for 30+ years through direct service and consultation. She has authored articles/chapters on autism, has conducted research on SLP-ABA collaboration, and is a frequent presenter on this topic. In 2019 she co-edited a book with Joanne Gerenser called “ABA for SLPs: Interprofessional Collaboration for Autism Support Teams.”

Alexander’s Cafe - 34 Chenango Street
Burger Mondays Bar & Grille - 23 Henry Street
Chroma Cafe & Bakery - 97 Court Street
Citrea Restaurant & Bar - 7 Court Street, Suite #3
Craft Bar + Kitchen - 135 Washington Street
Dillinger’s Celtic Pub & Eatery - 77 State Street
Galaxy Brewing Company - 41 Court Street
Garage Taco Bar - 211 Washington Street
Little Venice Restaurant - 111 Chenango Street
Lost Dog Cafe and Lounge - 222 Water Street
Nimikui Ramen - 21 Main Street
Remlik’s - 31 Lewis Street in the Kilmer Building
Sake-Tumi - 71 Court Street
Thai Time - 96 Front Street
The Colonial - 56-58 Court Street
The River Bistro at the Doubletree
The Shop - 219 Washington Street