



Using DIR®/"Floortime" for Children with High Functioning Autism: A P.L.A.Y. Project Workshop

Presented by Rick Solomon, MD

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7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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Location:

The Officer's Club
The University of Utah
150 South Fort Douglas Blvd
Salt Lake City, Utah

This one-day workshop focuses on children ages 4-8 years of age with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) who are working on developing rich levels of interaction, two way communication and social skills. The model for this relationship-based approach to intervention is the PLAY Project™, a unique, community based autism training and early intervention program. PLAY Project™ is based on the developmental theories of Stanley Greenspan, MD - the DIR model and "Floortime". Individuals will learn methods to help children improve social skills through the use of relationship-based interventions, social stories, play dates and systematic analysis of social deficits. Characteristics of a supportive educational program for elementary children with ASD will be discussed.

Who Should Attend

- Family members of children with autism spectrum disorders
- Education professionals & paraprofessionals
- Occupational, physical & speech-language therapists
- Psychologists, social workers & medical professionals

Participants Will Be Able To

- Identify/define higher functional developmental levels within Greenspan's DIR framework
- Investigate/develop methods to help higher-functioning children with ASD improve social skills
- Differentiate "process" and "content" in social interactions
- List characteristics of an elementary education program that supports children with ASD
- Describe uses of medications for inattention/restlessness, anxiety, & out of control behavior

Faculty

Rick Solomon, MD, Medical Director of The PLAY Project™ is board certified in both General Pediatrics and Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics. He has diagnosed and treated children with autistic spectrum disorders for over fifteen years. Dr. Solomon is a member of the Autism committee for the Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics. A colleague of Stanley Greenspan's, he is a board member of the Interdisciplinary Council of Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL). The PLAY Project was started in Ann Arbor, Michigan and is now being offered by more than 30 agencies in the Midwest and West Coast.

Please register online at www.tccslc.org. For more information contact Lori Krasny at The Children's Center 801-582-5534 or LKrasny@tccslc.org.