

Supporting Communication and Social Engagement in Children and Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum

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Friday, May 30, 2025

Registration: 8:00am

Program: 8:25am – 3:45pm

Location: McKimmon Conference & Training Center, Raleigh, NC

Event #73923so

Program Description: Individuals on the autism spectrum have unique challenges related to communication and social engagement. These challenges often impact their ability to participate in school and community environments. There are many evidence-based practices (EBPs) that have been successfully implemented in school and community settings and support growth in communication and social engagement. This presentation will provide an overview of key EBPs, video examples of EBP implementation, and tried and true tips for using and supporting others in using these EBPs in real-world settings

Target Audience

Speech Language Pathologists, Speech Language Pathology Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Psychologists, Counselors, Special Educators, and other interested healthcare professionals who work with this school-based population

Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

1. Discuss communication and social needs of children and adolescents with autism.
2. Identify evidence-based practices that can be used to meet communication and social needs of children and adolescents with autism.
3. Locate free available resources to support implementation of evidence-based practices.
4. Develop and implement an evidence-based practice action plan to support the social and communication needs of a child/adolescent with autism.

Speakers

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Registration Fee

Early Fee - \$100; after May 16, 2025 - \$125. Vouchers will be accepted.

- Fee will include online handouts and certificate of completion.
- Visit www.wakeahec.org for our ADA Statement and call 919-350-8547 for Inclement Weather updates.
- To assure quality programming and safety for all participants, babies and children may not attend this program.
- Attendance at this activity grants permission for Wake AHEC to use any photographs, audio, video, or other images from this activity for promotional or educational purposes. Please notify an AHEC staff member if you have concerns.

Cancellations and Refunds

Registrants cancelling between two weeks and five full business days prior to the first day of the event are refunded at 70% of the registration fee (minimum \$25 cancellation fee). No refunds or credits will be given for cancellations received after five full business days prior to the program.

Questions? Contact Sharri Oxendine at soxendine@wakeahec.org or 919-350-0461.

Agenda

8:00am	Registration and Light Breakfast
8:25	Welcome, Introductions and Overview
8:30	Communication and Social Needs for Autistic Individuals Overview of Evidence-Based Practices for Autistic Individuals
10:00	Break
10:15	Foundational Evidence-Based Practices
11:30	Lunch (provided)
12:30	Evidence Based Practices for Communication and Social Skills
2:00pm	Break
2:15	Evidence Based Practices for Engagement and Play/Leisure
3:30	Q&A and Closing Remarks
4:00pm	Adjourn

Credit

Speech Language Pathologists: Wake AHEC will issue Certificates of Completion only; the participant must self-track and record the certificate for ASHA Certification documentation.

Occupational Therapists: As of July 1, 2018, the NCBOT no longer accepts applications for pre-approval of CCAs. OT practitioners need to make sure they are completing activities that comply with Section .0800 of the NCBOT Rules. 6.0 CCAs. Please select contact hours for your certificate

NCBPTE: Wake AHEC is a pre-approved provider for NCBPTE Continuing Competence Activities. This activity is 5.5 hours.



NBCC: Wake AHEC has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6477. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. Wake AHEC is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

Category A NC Psychology Credit: This program will provide 6.0 contact hours (Category A) of continuing education for North Carolina Psychologists. *Partial credit will not be awarded.*

Wake AHEC CEU: Wake AHEC will provide 0.6 CEU to participants upon completion of this activity.

A participant must attend 100% of the program to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

Contact Hours: Wake AHEC will provide up to 6.0 Contact Hours to participants.

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