Foothill Autism Alliance, Inc.

Family Resource Meeting

February 8, 2012

Family Resource Meetings are Free and Open to the Public!

Innovative Ways of Helping Your Son or Daughter Experience a Happy Childhood, and Teaching the Skills Your Child will Need to Prepare for Independent Adulthood

Dr. Peter Gero and **Dr. Bruce Gale** each will discuss their social skills programs. They will also offer ways that parents can interact successfully with a child, teen, or adult on the spectrum, to assist him/her with overcoming challenges, getting the most out of life, and developing/expressing his/her full potential.

Peter Gero, PhD is the Founder and Director of the BLAST social skills program. BLAST is an after-school program for children who need assistance to experience success in classroom, playground or extracurricular youth activities. BLAST helps children to improve their social skills and to increase their ability to function in a variety of situations. BLAST campers participate in games, structured activities and group discussions. Children learn how to articulate their feelings, make and keep friends, handle frustration, follow directions, and better control their impulses. Most of all, BLAST is fun! Dr. Gero has a B.A. in History from UCLA, an M.A. in Education from Cal State L.A., and a Ph.D. in Counseling and Psychology from USC. He worked as a teacher and coordinator for LAUSD for over 30 years, and Director for the Tom Sawyer Camps for 23 years. Dr. Gero is also a Marriage and Family Therapist, in private practice in La Canada for over 20 years, and leads workshops for teachers in L.A. and the San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Gero is vendored with Lanterman, Eastern Los Angeles, and San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Centers.

Bruce Gale, PhD is a clinical psychologist and clinical director of LUNCH Groups®, (Learning, Understanding, Negotiating, Communicating, & Helping), a scientifically-based Regional Center vendored program social skills program. The program employs engaging technology-based and social activities that promote behavior change, skill development, and behavior generalization. Through Behavior Boot Camp, parent tele-meetings/dinners, audio/written progress reports plus other services, parents learn effective skills to help their children. Dr. Gale, certified as a Nonpublic Agency, has assessed students in over 35 school districts as an Independent Educational Evaluator. As a PENT Leadership Cadre trainer, he has worked with professionals in over 200 school districts and serves as the program's Technology Advisor. Dr. Gale has testified as an expert witness regarding programs and services for individuals with special needs at the state and federal level. He has a B.A. degree in psychology from UCLA; Master's and doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Florida State University and completed his internship and advanced training at Boston Children's Hospital. He was a fellow in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and is former Inpatient Chief Psychologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2012
Networking 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Speakers 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Pasadena Child Development Associates (PCDA)*
620 North Lake Avenue, 2nd floor
Pasadena, CA 91101
(Just north of the 210 Freeway)

FAA is a non-profit **501(c) 3**, all-volunteer organization of parents, professionals, and care givers who are dedicated to providing education, resources, and support to the autism community.
For more information on the FAA, visit www.foothillautism.org or call (818) 66-AUTISM.

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Unfortunately, childcare is not available at Resource Meetings.
Out of respect for the speaker and fellow attendees, please do not bring any young children.