

Susan L. Stokes, M.A., CCC-SLP has specialized in the area of autism spectrum disorder as both a speech/language pathologist and autism consultant for 25 years. She has presented at many state and national workshops/conferences, and frequently provides trainings related to all aspects of ASD to various groups across the country. Ms. Stokes provides practical strategies and ideas you can take to your classroom or home and try the next day!

Susan is the author of *Autism: Interventions and Strategies for Success*, a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction publication available at www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/autism/index2.htm

Location: McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church

8:30 Registration

Workshop Hours: 9:00 - 3:30

11:45 Lunch (On Your Own)

Parent Luncheon Provided on
September 22nd

Sept. 21st: Parent Evening:

7:00-9:00 McDiarmid Drive Alliance

PLEASE ROUTE TO:

- FAMILIES
- SPECIAL EDUCATORS
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
- CLASSROOM/RESOURCE TEACHERS
 - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS
 - OT/PT
- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Accommodations

Royal Oak Inn & Suites
3130 Victoria Ave.
(204) 728-5775
www.royalookinn.com

Victoria Inn
3550 Victoria Ave. W.
(204) 725-1532
Or 1-877-842-4667
www.vicinn.com

Canad Inns
1125 18th Street
1-888-332-2623
www.canadainns.com

Questions regarding the workshop?

Call or Email:

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WESTMAN AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT
GROUP
AND
WESTMAN SCHOOL CLINICIANS
ASSOCIATION
PRESENT:

SUSAN STOKES

SEPTEMBER
21 & 22, 2010



*Assisting Families and
Educators in
Understanding and
Addressing the
Social, Communicative and
Behavioural Challenges of
Children with Autism
Spectrum Disorder*

**McDiarmid Drive
Alliance Church
635 McDiarmid Dr.
Brandon, Manitoba**

DAY 1: *TEAMS IN TRAINING!*

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION AND BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

This training will provide participants with the necessary foundation or knowledge base for being able to *effectively* program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, utilizing "best practices" from structured teaching. Numerous, practical evidence-based techniques and strategies for effectively addressing the challenging behaviors and learning needs of students with autism spectrum disorder will be shared. Innovative ideas will be given on how to create an effective learning environment for students with ASD in many school-based settings. Participants will leave this training with dozens of highly effective innovative strategies that can be used immediately to meet the unique learning and behavioural needs of students with ASD.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

Participants will:

- Develop an understanding of the unique learning and processing styles of student's with ASD.
- Learn how to use and implement numerous visual support strategies to teach various skills and increase independent functioning for students with ASD.
- Learn how to engineer the physical environment by providing visual structure to increase comprehension and understanding of students with ASD.
- Develop an understanding of why challenging behaviors occur in people with ASD in relation to the features and characteristics of their disability.
- Develop an understanding of the importance of using visual support strategies with people with ASD, particularly to address challenging behaviors.

DAY 2: *THE CHALLENGE OF CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS*

ASSISTING FAMILIES IN UNDERSTANDING AND EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL AND COMMUNICATIVE CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN WITH ASD

This training will teach participants/family members how to reframe *their* thinking in addressing challenging behaviors exhibited by a child with ASD by understanding the behavior as a feature or characteristic of the child's neurobiological disability of ASD, particularly in relation to receptive communication and social relation differences. Participants will learn how to best communicate to children with ASD, through the use of highly effective, innovative, and practical visual strategies that can be used *immediately* to meet the receptive communication and learning needs of children with ASD. This training will also provide participants with concrete explanations regarding the social relation areas of difficulties experienced by children and adolescents with high functioning autism / Asperger's Syndrome, followed by numerous, practical instructional strategies and resources specific to social relations skill instruction.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

Participants will:

- Develop an understanding of why challenging behaviours occur in children with ASD in relation to the features and characteristics of their disability.
- Learn how to use various visual support strategies to communicate to children ASD, particularly to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviours.
- Develop an understanding of the social relation differences experienced by children with high functioning autism / Asperger's Syndrome.
- Identify instructional strategies and resources to teach children with ASD social relation skills.
- Identify positive behavioural interventions and supports to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviors in children with ASD.

To register for the conference, send a completed registration form with a cheque payable to Westman School Clinicians Association
We require payment with registration in order to reserve space for you in the workshop.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov.: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Registration Deadline: Sept. 15th, 2010

One Day:	\$ 100	professionals
	\$ 40	parents <u>or</u>
	\$ 60	family (2 registrants)
Both Days:	\$ 180	professionals
	\$ 70	parents <u>or</u>
	\$ 100	family (2 registrants)

Please check if registering for:

____ **Days 1 & 2** ____ **Day 1** ____ **Day 2**

Free Parent Evening

Westman School Clinicians Assoc.

c/o Brandon School Division

1031 6th Street

Brandon, Manitoba

R7A 4K5

Attn: Jan Pilling

No refund for cancellation will be issued after Sept. 15th. A \$25 cancellation fee will be charged for any refunds prior to this date.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 7-9PM
SUSAN STOKES PRESENTS A
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:
*UNDERSTANDING AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER:*
WHAT FAMILIES NEED AND WANT TO
KNOW

This presentation will help families develop an understanding of their family member with autism spectrum disorder. The unique processing and learning styles of people with ASD will be discussed, as well as understanding the stress and anxiety that many people with ASD can experience in relation to their neurological disability that can often result in the appearance of challenging behaviors. Simple strategies to reduce the anxiety that family members with ASD experience, and increase their understanding will be shared.

This is a free evening event sponsored by Westman Autism Parents Support Group that will be held at

McDiarmid Drive Alliance

635 McDiarmid Dr.

Brandon, MB

For more information please contact

Jan Pilling 729-3208

or Sheila Deacon 727-4868

Even if you are not preregistered,
please feel free to attend.