

2011 Workshop Book Tour

CRAFTING CONNECTIONS

Contemporary Applied Behavior Analysis for
Enriching the Social Lives of Persons with
Autism Spectrum Disorder



recovery is not
just a dream



an inside look at CRAFTING CONNECTIONS

Historically, the research and treatment emphasis for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has been on helping children learn to understand language and to speak. It is our firm belief that, although communication is important, social skills are also a core deficit of ASD. These deficiencies result in reduced social opportunities and often lead to loneliness, isolation and depression for persons with ASD. Social skill problems simply reduce the quality of life.

Crafting Connections is one of the most comprehensive and easy-to-use guides available for teaching social skills to children, youth and adults with ASD.

The book addresses real world issues such as teasing and bullying, conversational development, and social comprehension. *Crafting Connections* is a must have for teachers, clinicians and family members alike. It provides the “how to” for establishing true social skills development and embodies a comprehensive push to give work on social skills for individuals with ASD its due. Because ultimately, social skills are much of what makes us, us.

“This is a terrific addition to the information available on how to teach social skills. The authors have outlined ways to teach social skills in social awareness, social communication, social interaction, social learning, and social relatedness.”

MARY JANE WEISS, PH.D.
Director of Research and Training
The McCarton School Medical Center



meet the AUTHORS/SPEAKERS

MITCHELL TAUBMAN, PH.D. & RONALD LEAF, PH.D.

Drs. Taubman and Leaf are licensed psychologists who have devoted their careers to the treatment of children, adolescents and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. They both worked extensively on the UCLA Young Autism Project with Dr. Ivar Lovaas. They consult nationally and internationally providing support in schools and homes. Throughout their careers they have developed innovative yet practical communication, recreation and social programs to improve clients' quality of life. Drs. Taubman and Leaf are Directors of Autism Partnership. They have co-authored *A Work in Progress*, *It's Time for School! Building Quality ABA Educational Programs For Students With Autism Spectrum Disorder*, *Sense And Nonsense In The Behavioral Treatment of Autism: It Has To Be Said* and *Crafting Connections: Contemporary Applied Behavior Analysis for Enriching the Social Lives of Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder*.



2011 AUTISM PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

"Recovery Is Not Just a Dream" when care is taken to teach children with Autism Spectrum Disorder the many critical levels of social skills that one needs to master in order to achieve maximum success.

A recently published study in the journal *Education and Treatment of Children* reported very promising treatment outcomes for a group of 64 children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The students ranging in age from 13 mos. to 8 years old received an average of 22 hours per week of intensive behavior treatment at Autism Partnership in the U.S. and three other countries. Treatment occurred in the clinic, at home and at school and lasted an average of 3½ years. The students' IQs showed an average increase of 22 points and 45 out of the 64 were able to successfully complete grade level work in general education classrooms. Perhaps even more critical and life changing was that these children developed meaningful friendships thereby enjoying a high quality of life!

One of the most critical elements of the treatment plan implemented by Autism Partnership was the emphasis on teaching authentic social skills on multiple, complex levels. When all is said and done, improving the quality of life for a person with ASD must be our most important objective. How smart a person is or how many facts he or she knows may enhance the richness of his or her life only so much; what is most critical is whether the individual has meaningful social relationships. Tragically, once many children reach adolescence they experience an alarming rate of loneliness, anxiety and depression that has devastating effects on our individuals with ASD and their family members alike.

Drs. Taubman and Leaf will share the success stories of clients who were once isolated, have developed meaningful friendships and have entered the world of dating and relationships. They will discuss the strategies and detail the programs that have been critical in achieving this success. Through discussion, videos and case presentations, participants will be better able to assist their students, clients and children in greatly improving their quality of life. And, after all, isn't that the most important objective?

Each participant will receive Drs. Taubman and Leaf's new book, *Crafting Connections* so they will leave the workshop with the necessary materials to help develop realistic strategies to teach individuals with ASD how to successfully navigate the social world.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

Workshops will be from 9am-3pm.

9/12 • Boston, MA
Hilton Embassy Suites

9/13 • New York, NY
Hilton – New York

9/14 • Washington, D.C.
Arlington Court Suites Hotel

9/15 • Chicago, IL
Holiday Inn & Suites

9/16 • St. Louis, MO
Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark

9/17 • Atlanta, GA
Hilton – Atlanta

9/19 • Hurst, TX
Hurst Conference Center

9/20 • Las Vegas, NV
The Platinum Hotel

9/21 • Denver, CO
University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine
Anschutz Medical Campus

9/22 • Seattle, WA
Warwick Seattle Hotel

9/23 • Portland, OR
Holiday Inn Portland Airport

9/24 • San Francisco, CA
Hilton San Francisco Financial District



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CRAFTING CONNECTIONS WORKSHOP

Early Registration (by August 12th, 2011) \$85

Regular Registration \$100

Registration Fee Includes:

A copy of the newly released *Crafting Connections* Social Skills Book, A Certificate of Attendance, Continuing Education Units for BCBA, ASHA, MCEP, BBS.

Workshop location you'll be attending: _____

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

How did you hear about the workshop? _____

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District: _____

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Payment or P.O. must accompany registration as enrollment is limited.

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