

ASCEND Group Inc.

proudly presents

HELPING STUDENTS TO DEVELOP SOCIAL THINKING SKILLS FOR EDUCATORS, PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS

with Rick Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.

*Acclaimed Author of It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend:
Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success*

And Afternoon Workshop Presentations by:

Cathy Grayson, M.A.; Becky O'Hara, M.A., CCC-SLP; Cindy Schneider; Jay Furlong, M.Ed. & Patti Voorhees, M.Ed.; and Attorneys: Ira Fingles, Natalie Habert, David Painter, Ph.D., & Andria Saia

Friday, November 10, 2006, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration at 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast and box lunch will be served.

Williamson Restaurant/Conference Center, Easton Road (Rt. 611) & Blair Mill Road, Horsham, PA

About Rick Lavoie: In addition to *It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend*, Lavoie is the award-winning producer of the films "How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop" and "Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities." He recently produced a new video on behavior management entitled "When the Chips are Down..." His numerous national television appearances include CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, and Disney Channel Presents. Additionally, he has spoken to over 500,000 parents and professionals at international conferences.

About the Conference: Lavoie's presentation will explore the relationship between learning disabilities and social difficulties and will identify the specific causes for certain social skill deficits. *Field tested strategies* will be presented that can be used by parents, teachers, coaches, and caregivers to assist students in *gaining peer acceptance* and developing *age-appropriate social skills*. Participants choose one afternoon workshop to attend. (Go to www.ascendgroup.org for descriptions.)

Workshop seating is limited, and you are encouraged to register early to ensure getting your first choice.

Who should go: Educators, professionals, parents, caregivers – anyone and everyone involved with individuals with any learning disability or who is on the Autism Spectrum. **A limited number of scholarships are available for those in need who request them prior to October 15, 2006.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
School/Org: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail**: _____

****for confirmation purposes only**

Please rank workshop preferences (1-5):

- ___ Developing Independence (Jay Furlong and Patti Voorhees)
___ Perspectives on Special Education Law (attorney panel)
___ Acting Antics (Cindy Schneider)
___ Crisis Intervention as a Teaching Tool (Cathy Grayson)
___ Social Skills Strategies & Social Thinking for Children with AS and HFA (Becky O'Hara)

Box Lunch Selection (choose one per attendee):

- ___ Roasted Vegetable Pita with Pasta Salad
___ Top Sirloin of Beef Sandwich with Red Bliss Potato Salad
___ Chicken Caesar Salad with Potato Chips

Check all that apply:

- ___ Send me information on membership
___ Please add me to your e-mail list

Please check one:**

- ___ ASCEND Member Family -- \$85/person
___ Non-Member Family -- \$95/person
___ ASCEND Member Professional -- \$105
___ Non-Member Professional -- \$115

****Subtract \$10 if postmarked before October 15, 2006.**

This conference is approved for 5.5 CEU hours.

Check if applicable:

- ___ Act 48 ___ PA State Board of Psychology

Area(s) of interest:

- ___ ASD ___ ADHD ___ General LD
___ Other (please specify) _____

Seating is limited! Registration deadline is 11/3/06. Sorry, no refunds for cancellations after 11/3/06.

Make checks payable to: ASCEND Group Mail to: ASCEND Treasurer, P.O. Box 531, Ardmore, PA 19003

For more information: 610-449-6776 ONLINE REGISTRATION is available at www.ascendgroup.org

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