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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to offer the spring 2010 session of our Parent Training Series Workshops. These workshops are open to anyone involved with a child who has been diagnosed with a pervasive developmental disorder, but are also extremely helpful for parents of children with other disabilities as well. When you initially receive the diagnosis of Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, PDD/NOS, or any of the disorders along the spectrum, there are many unanswered questions and concerns that arise. If your child is older, there may be new situations which occur that you may need assistance with or may have questions about. This series is an attempt to answer some of those questions; to give you some direction as to where to go for assistance, to provide you with the support of other parents who are in similar situations, and to give you an opportunity to interact with professionals who work with children with autism. In addition, this series will teach you skills to empower you to develop and implement skill acquisition and behavior management programs for your own child across a variety of settings.

The series will cover basic background information on autism, applied behavior analysis, various instructional methodologies and behavior management approaches. Much of the series will be in the form of interactive lecture presentations, including videos and handouts. In addition, we will have two hands-on training sessions for the "teaching skills" and "behavior management" sections of the training. During these sessions, we will assist parents and participants in targeting a skill they would like to teach their child and then help them develop and implement a program to teach that skill. We will also help parents and participants target and address a challenging behavior they may be experiencing in the home, assisting in designing and implementing a behavior management plan.

In the past we have had parents, grandparents, siblings, baby sitters, child study team members, and therapists attend these sessions. We have found that when more people involved with your child attend these workshops, it helps to ensure consistency in your child's programming and enhance his daily progress. You may attend any one or all of the workshops offered, but we strongly urge you to attend all of them because each session builds upon the week before.

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The training series will run for ten Tuesday evenings during March, April, and May 2010 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Attached is an agenda with dates for each topic and a registration form. The sessions will be held in the West Wing of the Professional Development Center at the Developmental Learning Center in New Providence, located at 340 Central Avenue. New Jersey Teacher Professional Development Hours and Certificates of Attendance will be available upon request. The Morris-Union Jointure Commission offers this course at no cost to participants. We do ask that you register in advance so we are prepared for the number of participants who will attend. To register, or for directions to the Morris-Union Jointure Commission, please call Ursula Nazar at (908) 464-7625, ext. 1112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".

Barbara DeLoretto

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Enclosures

**Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Developmental Learning Centers**

**A Training Series for Parents in Autism, Pervasive Developmental
Disorders, And Applied Behavior Analysis
Spring 2010**

Registration Form

Please complete and return the Registration Form by mail or fax to:

Registration:

Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Attn: Ursula Nazar
340 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974
Phone: (908) 464-7625 Ext. 1112
Fax: (908) 464-1244

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Work Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

Developmental Learning Center Site: (Please check off if applicable)

Warren New Providence Union None

If your child does not attend a DLC site, please list the school/program he/she does attend:

I do NOT have a child with autism, but I work with students with autism.

District: _____ Position: _____

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Week 1 Tuesday, March 9, 2010

- Introduction to the Course
- Overview of The Pervasive Developmental Disorder Spectrum
- Overview of Autism
- Diagnosis
- Etiology
- Treatment Approaches

Week 2 Tuesday, March 16, 2010

- Learning Styles of Students with Autism
- Learning Theory
- Defining Behavior
- The A - B - C Pattern of Learning
- Reinforcement

Week 3 Tuesday, March 23, 2010

- Setting the Stage for Learning
- Behavioral Teaching Techniques
 - Prompting
 - Task Analysis
 - Shaping
 - Chaining

Week 4 Tuesday, April 13, 2010

- Behavioral Teaching Techniques
 - Discrete Trial Instruction
 - Incidental Teaching
 - Verbal Behavior

Week 5 **Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

- Behavioral Teaching Techniques
 - Picture Activity Schedules
 - Video Modeling
 - Audio Scripts

Week 6 **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

- Functional Skills Assessment
- The Importance of Prerequisite Skills
- Guidelines to Consider When Choosing a Target Skill
- Monitoring Progress
- Setting the Stage for Learning
- Planning for Generalization and Maintenance

Week 7 **Tuesday, May 4, 2010**

- Hands-On Session: Developing a Skill Acquisition Program

Week 8 **Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

- Functional Analysis of Behavior
 - Why is the Behavior Occurring?
 - When Do I Intervene with the Behavior?
 - How Do I Intervene with the Behavior?
 - Identifying the A - B - C Pattern to Effectively Change Behaviors

Week 9 **Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

- Behavior Management Strategies

Week 10 **Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

- Hands-On Session: Developing a Behavior Management Program