



CONFERENCE 2009

Climbing Mountains to Inclusion

SEPTEMBER 18 – 19, 2009

With Pre-Conference Workshops on September 17 (register separately)

The Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia
(Call early to reserve your room at the conference rate of \$89.00 per night).

ON-LINE PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!!!!

www.regonline.com/asawv2009

Pre-Conference Rates (Until August 30th)

Family members and individuals with ASDs \$90
Friday only \$60 Saturday only \$40

Educators and others \$125
Friday only \$80 Saturday only \$60

Lunch is included on all registrations for Friday

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Paula Kluth and Dr. Stephen Shore

Additional Speakers and Topics

Susan McKinley – Sensory Environments

Gloria Sage – Early Signs of ASDs

David Stewart – Civil Rights

Erin Lash- Autism and Play

Peggy Hovatter, Andrew Nelson, Richard Work -Developing Social Skills Groups

Jimmie Beirne -Adults on the Autism Spectrum

Dr. Susannah Poe -Applied Behavior Analysis

Dr. Jennifer McFarland-Whisman- Challenging Behaviors and Autism

AWARDS BANQUET \$25.00 Do not miss this opportunity to celebrate our
ASA-WV 2009 award winners and enjoy entertainment and dancing!

Pre-Conference Full Day Workshops on Thursday, September 17th

Register for these workshops online at the main conference registration site

www.regonline.com/asawv2009

AUTISM AND EARLY INTERVENTION – DR. JIM BALL

Dr. Jim Ball is a nationally known autism consultant and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D). He is the author of the award winning book [Autism and Early Intervention: Real Life Questions, Real Life Answers](#). Dr. Ball will lead an interactive and informative workshop related to learning characteristics of children with autism, meaningful assessment and instructional techniques for young children with ASDs. This workshop is appropriate for all early intervention providers, pre-school educators and related service providers and family members. STARS POINTS will be available for this 6 hour workshop. **COST: \$50.00**

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM PLANNING FOR STUDENTS WITH ASDs - SHAWN HENRY

Shawn Henry is the executive director at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI). He has also served as a program director of training and as an elementary special educator, working with students with autism. He, along with Dr. Brenda Smith-Myles, co-authored the book [The Comprehensive Autism Planning System \(CAPS\) for Individuals with Asperger Syndrome, Autism and Related Disabilities: Integrating Best Practices Throughout the Student's Day](#). This workshop will inform participants on the use of the CAPS as an innovative tool to structure student programming. It is highly recommended for all special educators, related personnel, classroom aides and parents. Education CEUs will be available for this 6 hour workshop. **COST: \$50.00**

SELF-ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ASDs - DR. STEPHEN SHORE

Dr. Stephen Shore was diagnosed as a child with "Atypical Development with strong autistic tendencies." Doctors recommended that he be institutionalized to receive the best treatment. Today, Dr. Shore is a professor at Adelphi University in New York, teaching courses on autism. He has given presentations on autism in all but 7 states and spoke at the United Nations on World Autism Awareness Day this past April. He is the author of [Beyond the Wall: Personal Experiences with Autism and Asperger Syndrome](#), and co-author of [Ask and Tell: Self-advocacy and Disclosure for People on the Autism Spectrum](#), and the critically acclaimed [Understanding Autism for Dummies](#). Dr. Shore will discuss, in detail, self-advocacy for individuals with autism spectrum disorders in this interactive workshop. This 6 hour workshop is highly recommended for young adults and adults with autism spectrum disorders as well as their parents. **COST: \$25.00**

STIPENDS

Stipend funds are being made available to people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities through funds from the WV Developmental Disabilities Council. Stipend forms will be available at the conference. The amount of stipend awarded will depend on the number of stipend requests received.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received in writing to jodi@autismwv.org no later than 11:59 PM on August 30, 2009. Cancellation requests may also be mailed to Jodi Fields at the Autism Services Center, 929 4th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701-1408. There is a \$25.00 cancellation processing fee. Reservations after August 30, 2009 will not be refunded for any reason.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Continuing education credits will be available for a variety of disciplines. The specific disciplines will be posted on www.aswv.org as they are approved. STARs points will be available for specified concurrent sessions and the early intervention pre-conference workshop. Autism Mentor points will also be available.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference hotel is the [Pullman Plaza Hotel](#) in downtown Huntington. All sessions and activities will take place at this hotel. A block of rooms have been reserved at the conference rate of \$89.00 per night. To receive this rate, you must call the hotel directly at **1-866-613-3611**. To get directions to the hotel and learn more about their accommodations please visit www.pullmanplaza.com

Some Additional Hotels in the Area (no conference discount available):

[Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites-Civic Center](#) is located at 800 3rd Avenue in downtown Huntington and is within easy walking distance of the conference hotel. Call 1-888 465-4329 or 1-304-523-8880.

[The Ramada Limited - Huntington](#) is located at 3140 16th Road in Huntington and is approximately 3 miles from the conference hotel. It is located just off of I-64, exit 11. Call 304-523-4242 to reserve a room.

QUESTIONS or SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS?

Visit www.aswv.org for general information or call the Autism Services Center at 304-525-8014 or the WV Autism Training Center at 1-800-344-5115. If you have any special needs or want to request materials in an alternate format please contact Jodi Fields at 304-525-8014 or email jodi@autismwv.org.

This ASA-WV 2009 Conference is hosted by the Huntington Area Autism Society, the Autism Services Center and the WV Autism Training Center.