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Introduction to the SCERTS Model: A Comprehensive, Multidisciplinary Approach for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

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This course will introduce the SCERTS® model, a comprehensive, multidisciplinary educational approach designed for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their families. SCERTS® provides specific guidelines for helping a child become a competent and confident social communicator, while preventing problem behaviors that interfere with learning and the development of relationships. It also is designed to help families, educators and therapists work cooperatively as a team, in a carefully coordinated manner, to maximize progress in supporting a child. The approach is not exclusive of other treatment approaches and methodologies, but rather provides a curriculum for those who are seeking guidelines for implementing a comprehensive educational plan. The plan is based on our knowledge of the core developmental challenges faced by children with ASD, family-centered care, and our knowledge of the recommended tenets of educational programming, as indicated by the National Academy of Sciences. The SCERTS framework has been designed to target priority goals in social communication (SC) and emotional regulation (ER) by implementing transactional supports (TS) (e.g., interpersonal modifications, environmental arrangement, visual supports, etc.) throughout a child's daily activities and across social partners in order to facilitate competence within these identified goal areas in natural, functional and meaningful contexts.

The course will begin with a review of current perspectives in intervention (i.e., current efficacy research and characteristics of effective educational programs) and a review of the core developmental challenges faced by this heterogeneous population of children at various stages in development (i.e., pre-verbal stages, emerging language stages, and conversational stages). This introduction will then be followed by practical guidelines for prioritizing learning objectives and, for the purposes of this training, will focus on its application with young children in early intervention and preschool settings. Video case examples will be used to illustrate how educators, clinicians, and families can directly apply learning strategies in the home, clinic, and classroom environment and across settings.

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe essential components of a comprehensive educational program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
2. Describe core challenges in social-communication and emotional regulation faced by children with ASD at different stages of development.
3. Describe the SCERTS assessment process for prioritizing learning objectives for children with ASD.
4. Describe the SCERTS program planning process and strategies for implementing appropriate learning and educational accommodations for children with ASD.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Additional fees and on-site registration required for CEUs.

California Board of Registered Nursing - IDA is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider #CEP-12786. The courses meet the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for Nurses, as required by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

California Board of Behavior Sciences - IDA is a provider approved by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, provider #PCE-1516. The courses meet the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs and/or LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

California Speech-Language & Audiology Board – Emily Rubin, MS, CCC-SLP and Communication Crossroads is a provider approved by the CA SLP & Audiology Board, provider #169. The course meets the qualifications for 6 hours of professional development credits for Speech-Language Pathologists.

CEU refund requests that are received in writing within 30 days of the course will be processed, less a \$5.00 processing fee.

Certificate of Completion

A certificate indicating the number of hours of training will be provided to every participant.

Registration Form - Deadline March 6, 2009

(No refunds after March 6, 2009)

Mail to: IDA, P.O. Box 189550, Sacramento, CA 95818-9550

Phone: (916) 453-8801 and FAX (916) 453-0627

You can register with a credit card on-line at www.idaofcal.org

IDA Member or Parent **\$125.00** Member # _____

Non IDA Member **\$150.00**

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Check (payable to IDA) Purchase Order# _____

Credit Card: VISA Mastercard

Account # _____ Exp. Date. _____

3-digit code on back of card: _____

Signature _____

Participant Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

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