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### My Presentations:

#### Understanding Socially Challenged Children – Strategies for Classroom Teachers

This presentation provides an opportunity to help educators understand, support and make appropriate accommodations for children with socially challenging disorders including Asperger's Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Non-Verbal Learning Disorders, and Attention Deficit Hyper- Activity Disorder.

This workshop will help educators learn to: have positive home/school relationships, develop a repertoire of interventions, explicitly teach organizational skills and become more effective in supporting socially challenged children. Teachers will leave this workshop with specific techniques to help make school a more successful place for children with Asperger's. These are strategies and interventions that can be applied in a regular classroom setting by the classroom teacher. Educators will leave with an understanding of how to accommodate these children in their classrooms.

**Available for 2 hours or all day (6 hours).**

#### Understanding Socially Challenged Children

This presentation provides an opportunity to help parents understand and support their children with socially challenging disorders including Asperger's Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Non-Verbal Learning Disorders, and Attention Deficit Hyper-Activity Disorder.

This workshop will help parents learn to: have positive home/school relationships, understand the supports their children need in a classroom, and become more effective in advocating for their children. Parents will leave this workshop with specific techniques and an understanding of what they can do to help make school a more successful place for their child.

**Available for 2 hours**

### “Social Skills: Why and How”

A workshop for learning helpful strategies to integrate social skills into home and school for children with Asperger’s, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Non-Verbal Learning Disorders & Attention Deficit Hyper-Activity Disorder

The goals of this workshop are to help educational professionals learn new strategies to incorporate social skills to support students in home and school. Teachers will learn how to help children be successful – in school and life, they will take away strategies that can be implemented right away in their classrooms. Professionals will learn to work effectively as part of a team to help support the development of social skills in the ASD population.

**Available for 2 hours or all day (6 hours).**

### Workshop for After School Staff

This workshop is for after school providers, educators and other professionals who work in After School Programs. The workshop is titled “Understanding Our Socially Challenged Students” subtitled, “Helping After School Programs Support Children with Social Challenges.”

The major purpose is to help professionals understand, support and make appropriate accommodations for our children with socially challenging disorders including Asperger’s Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Non-Verbal Learning Disorders, and Attention Deficit Hyper- Activity Disorder. These children often fall through the cracks of our educational system and are misunderstood by many in the education field. You will leave this workshop with specific ideas on how to make your After School Program more successful for children with social challenges.

**Available for 2 hours.**

### Bullying Issues and Asperger’s Students

This workshop is designed to help educational professionals understand the effects of bullying behavior on the Asperger’s population. Students with Asperger’s are easy targets for teasing and bullying especially at our Middle and High schools. Research shows that interrupting this behavior helps to make the student with Asperger’s feel safe and understood as well as improving their relationships with their typically developing peers. This workshop will present strategies and ideas to help educators understand how to support the Asperger’s population in their school.

**Available for 2 hours.**

## Asperger's Syndrome: Effective Communication between Home and School

This hour and a half workshop discusses the ways in which schools and families can work together to support children with Asperger's Syndrome. This population of students is often misunderstood by educators, and parents can be very emotional in trying to advocate for their child. The major points covered in this workshop are: to help parents advocate more effectively for their AS child, to strengthen communication between classroom teachers and others working with AS children, and to help promote understanding, minimize distress, & facilitate cooperation between home and school. This workshop will help you begin to make school a more successful place for your AS students or children.

## Police Training – Asperger's Association of New England

AANE has been offering training to Police Departments in the Boston area and they have been very successful. We are expanding the training to all of New England. The highlights of the training are learning about Asperger's syndrome, how to approach people with this neurological disorder, and developing relationships with families. This presentation is designed to help Police Departments gain a better understanding of Asperger's so they can figure how to handle situations that may come up with this population.

## Training for Medical Professionals – Asperger's Association of New England

In this training the participants will learn about the different aspects of Asperger's Syndrome in children, adolescents and adults. The highlights will include how to approach and support people with this neurological disorder and develop relationships with the client/patient and their families. This presentation is designed to help medical professionals gain a better understanding of Asperger's so they can handle many of the situations that may come with this population in their practice. This workshop will provide information on where families and individuals can go for support.

## Supporting College Bound Students with Asperger Syndrome

- Transition Planning
- Developing Independent Students
- Self-Understanding & Self Advocacy

This workshop will help professionals and parents understand the complexities in helping AS students become successful college students. Asperger students may be very bright and academically motivated but there is much preparation involved in being successful in college. This workshop will help participants learn how to encourage independence and self-advocacy with AS students. We will also discuss the importance of long term planning for the transition to college life.

### My bio

Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf M.Ed. is the Director of Training and Consultation at the Asperger's Association of New England. She has over 20 years of teaching experience and has run social skills groups for children and adolescents with Asperger's, ADHD, and Non-Verbal Learning Disorders. She received her M.Ed. from Antioch University and also graduated from their Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate Program. Robin has worked with students from elementary school through college in a variety of settings. She presents workshops for parents and professionals throughout New England and the US. With her experience as an educator, her training and background, Robin understands the complexity of working with the AS population.

The Asperger's Association of New England (AANE)'s mission is to foster awareness, respect, acceptance, and support for individuals with AS and related conditions and their families. AANE is committed to providing a supportive, understanding community for individuals, families and professionals throughout New England.