

Planning for the Middle/High School Years and Beyond

This workshop is designed to help educators, parents and community members plan more effective learning environments for students on the autism spectrum who are entering into the middle and high school years. The workshop will cover the following topics:

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Exploring the State of the Science.

- What are some of the unique challenges that face youth with ASD in the middle years/high school years?
- The guides to effective transition planning.
- Academic Programming, strategies that work.
- Talking about strategies that work and the importance of teaching life skills.
- Designing effective learning environments for youth, including planning for a safe place and safe person.
- How to teach students with ASD the “Hidden Curriculum”?
- Discussing issues of sexuality and planning for life changes.
- Mental health and autism spectrum disorders – planning for effective teams.
- Planning for life beyond school – vocational placements.
- The Home-School-Community Connection and planning for leisure and recreational activities.

Sharing their experience.



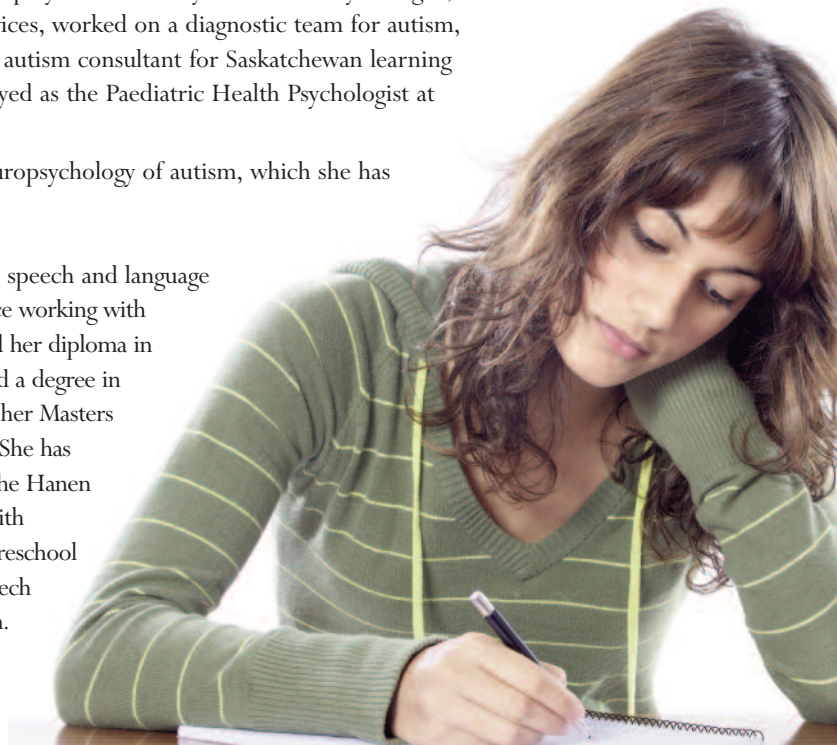
Dr. Rupal Bonli, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist who has worked with children with autism for over 20 years. She has been employed as an Early Childhood Psychologist, worked in Saskatoon Region Shared Services, worked on a diagnostic team for autism, worked in Adult Mental health and as an autism consultant for Saskatchewan learning for many years. Rupal is currently employed as the Paediatric Health Psychologist at RUH in Saskatoon.

Rupal has conducted research on the neuropsychology of autism, which she has presented nationally and internationally.



Bonnie Quiring Gallen, MSLP (C) is a speech and language pathologist with over 13 years of experience working with children with ASD. Bonnie Gallen received her diploma in Rehabilitation Work at SIAST. She obtained a degree in Psychology, and then went on to complete her Masters degree in Speech and Language Pathology. She has training in PECS, the Miller Method and the Hanen Program, has run social language groups with

middle-year students and provided communication services for preschool children and their families. Bonnie is currently employed as a speech and language pathologist with Public Health Services in Saskatoon.



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The Saskatchewan Ministries of Education and Health are pleased to provide this valuable workshop to you free of charge, so please plan to attend the Middle/High School Years workshop when it comes to a location near you:

March 7

Estevan
Comprehensive High School, Room 288
255 Spruce Drive

April 4

Lloydminster
Midwest Family Connections, Education Room
4910-50th Street, lower level

April 25

Yorkton
Regional High School (room off the library)
150 Gladstone Avenue

May 2

Swift Current
Cypress Regional Hospital, Conference Room #1
2004 Saskatchewan Drive

May 16

Moose Jaw
SIAST Palliser Campus
Macoun Meeting Room (off the cafeteria)
6th Avenue and Saskatchewan Drive

May 23

Rosetown
Rosetown Central High School Library
501 Highway 4 North

May 30

Saskatoon
Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, Eamer Auditorium
2317 Arlington Avenue

The workshop runs Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is not provided. To register or request additional information, phone 655-2345 or email: Allison.Gagnon@saskatoonhealthregion.ca

PLEASE NOTE:

Registration is limited so please register early.

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leave energized and better
equipped to work
with youth with
Autism
Spectrum
Disorder.



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