

REGISTRATION

Program Fee: \$150.00.

This fee does not include the cost of the book Engaging Autism, by Stanley Greenspan, M.D. and Serena Weider, Ph.D.

Program Dates/Time:

April 11, 2008;
October 18, 2008
9 AM to 3 PM

Registration Deadline: None.
Early registration recommended.
This workshop will be limited for size.

Cancellations: Accepted less a \$15.00 administration fee.

Please make checks payable and return to:

Kathleen A. Platzman, Ph.D.
The Blackstone Center
1777 North East Expressway NE
Suite 175
Atlanta, GA 30329

Registrant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Occupation: _____

Email (required):

Date you are registering for:

___ April 11, 2008
___ October 18, 2008

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**An Introduction to the
Developmental, Individual
Difference, Relationship-Based
Model for Special Needs Children**

A Program presented by
Kathleen A. Platzman, Ph.D.

April 11, 2008
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9 AM to 3 PM

Location:
Floortime Atlanta
The Blackstone Center
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Workshop Description

This workshop is an introduction to the Developmental, Individual Difference, Relation-Based (D.I.R.) model, developed by Stanley Greenspan, M.D. and Serena Weider, Ph.D. for working with children with developmental delays including Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Participants will learn about the model including the developmental levels that a child must master including Shared Attention, Engagement, Two-way Purposeful Communication, Two-way Problem Solving, Emotional Ideas and Abstract Thinking. They will also learn about DIR™ as a strategic, goal-oriented, affect-filled way of interacting that encompasses assessment, goal creation, and other tools to help a child initiate and respond at higher developmental levels.

Credits

Applied for through NASW-GA.

Participants

This workshop is appropriate for professionals including Psychologists, Counselors, Occupational, Speech/Language, Physical, Recreational Therapists, and Educators.

Course Objectives

Workshop Participants will:

- Understand the basics of the DIR model.
- Learn techniques to engage hard to reach children.
- Explore different child-focused activities in several categories: structured, semi-structured, and child-directed and how they can be integrated into various settings.
- Understand the importance of collaboration with the child's family in all aspects of intervention
- Become aware of the importance of self-reflection and self-awareness

Workshop Leader

Kathleen A. Platzman, Ph.D.

Kathy a Licensed Psychologist who works with special needs children and their families.

She received her doctorate from the University of Chicago, and respecialized in Child and Family Psychology at Georgia State University. She is a private practitioner and part of Floortime Atlanta. She is on the National Training Faculty for the Interdisciplinary Council on Learning Disorders (ICDL).