

Line Therapist Training Class

Based on Teaching Principles for Early Autism Intervention

Harmony House is offering a one day class on October 29th, 2011 focusing on the principles of Lovaas-based Applied Behaviour Analysis and its application to the treatment of autism spectrum disorder. The class will address several topics that outline the basic foundation of a Lovaas-based treatment program and will include information on autism and general behaviour strategies. The main focus will however be on practical application with a 50% hands on approach in small groups, with the remaining time spent on larger group discussion and video reviews. The group will be facilitated by Harmony House's program supervisor and certified preschool teacher.

Topics to be Covered

- ❖ The key principles of discrete trial teaching
- ❖ Prompting
 - Different types of prompts
 - What is prompting and how best to use it
- ❖ The various steps involved in child acquiring a skill
- ❖ Reinforcement
 - How to identify
 - How to use
- ❖ General discussion around behaviours and language
- ❖ Strategies for data collection

Who Would Benefit From the Class?

- ❖ Parents or families who are starting an ABA program
- ❖ New or current line therapists
- ❖ Classroom teachers and support staff
- ❖ Those who may be supporting children with autism in other capacities

The line class is recommended for those who are currently beginning as line therapists working in a home-based ABA program to further understand key principles, strategies, and techniques in discrete trial teaching.

Location

Harmony House
Camp Alexandra
 (upstairs in the Joyce Mason Hall)
2916 McBride Avenue
Surrey, BC



Cris Pena and Amy Ris are Harmony House's newly appointed interns. They will be facilitating the upcoming line class. Both individuals are well experienced and highly trained and prior to entering the internship program in February 2011, both were Senior therapists who had been working in the field of behavioural intervention with children with autism. Together they have logged over 10,000 direct service hours with children ranging in ages from 2 to 16 years of age. They have been involved in training new staff and supporting existing teams and have both acted as support staff to children in a variety of settings. They have vast knowledge in the areas of discrete trial teaching, data collection, behaviour modification, peer play, social skills, generalization and how to train staff.

Cost \$40

Cash or cheque made out to Harmony House and mailed to:

PO Box 45004
12851 16th Ave
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Morning snacks and refreshments will be provided
To secure a spot, payment must be received by October 24th, 2011.



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