



Sponsored by the **Indiana Resource Center for Autism** in collaboration with the **Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township**:

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A Year of Social Skills Activities and Games for Children with High Functioning Autism and/or Mental Health Challenges

**Lawrence Education Community Center
6501 Sunnyside Road, Indianapolis, IN 46236**

Workshop Overview

This workshop aims to equip teachers, speech-language pathologists and mental health professionals with abundant, ready-to-use lessons, activities and games that they can use immediately in their work. Each participant will be shown how to access Joel's website, AutismTeachingStrategies.com, to download and use dozens of free printout games, activities, worksheets, slide presentations and lessons on the topics of conversation, relationships and emotional regulation. During this workshop, the presenter will clearly explain the materials, and in work groups participants will practice using them. Among the many games and activities featured are: Games and visuals to promote learning about peers; using a toy balance and chain visuals to practice "balance" and "staying connected" in conversation; games, worksheets and free online videos on dealing with troubling emotions; a card game on how to know when not to tattle; a unique card-based activity for teaching teen boys how to approach girls. To practice using the materials described in the workshop, Joel will pass out copies to attendees for frequent, brief practice sessions.

Presenter Bio

Joel Shaul is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who specializes in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Through his organization, Autism Teaching Strategies, he provides workshops on social skills teaching and mental health treatment methods. He is the author of three books for children on the topics of social communication and social skills: *The Conversation Train Book*, *The Green Zone Conversation Book*, and *Our Brains Are Like Computers!* (December 2015), published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. He is the co-creator of Ryuu social skills resources. He provides clinical and consultation services for The Watson Institute of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. His website, which features dozens of free downloads of social skills resources, can be found at autismteachingstrategies.com. Disclosure: Joes Shaul is the owner of Autism Teaching Strategies and Ryuu Endeavors. Mr. Shaul is receiving a fee for speaking from the Indiana Resource Center for Autism. Mr. Shaul has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.



A SPECTRUM OF POSSIBILITIES
Autism Teaching Strategies

Who Should Attend

Special and general education teachers, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, resource room teachers, counselors, social workers, case managers, school psychologists, family members, caregivers, paraprofessionals, and other related professionals who work with children on the autism spectrum or with mental health challenges.

Workshop Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe how to optimize engaging and visual elements of learning for children on the autism spectrum and with mental health challenges
- Demonstrate how to alter social skills teaching methods between individual, small-group and classroom-size settings
- Explain how to implement several practical strategies to increase utilization and effectiveness of social skills interventions in school and office settings
- Demonstrate the use of several psycho-educational games and activities to promote reciprocal communication
- Demonstrate the use of psycho-educational games and activities to promote relationship skills
- Demonstrate the use of several psycho-educational learning activities to promote awareness and regulation of emotions
- Demonstrate the use of several engaging methods to enable self-awareness about social skills problems to work on

Workshop Schedule

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-12:00	Morning session
12:00-1:00	Lunch – on your own
1:00 - 4:00	Afternoon session

Cost and Registration Information

The registration fee for this workshop is \$95. All registrations are processed online by Indiana University (IU) Conferences. You may pay with a credit card or purchase order. Space is limited to 300 participants. To register, use the link below:

<https://indianauniv.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?OrgCode=10&EvtID=6923&AppCode=REG>

All registrations are final. No money will be refunded.

Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance for 6 instructional hours will be available at no charge and can be used for:

- Professional Growth Points.
- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency Continuing Education credits for speech language pathologists, occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants licensing requirements.
- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency for Category I Continuing Education hours for Social Workers (LSW), Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Addiction Counselors and Clinical Addiction Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), Mental Health Counselors (LMHC) and Clinical Addiction Counselors licensing requirements.
- This course is offered for 0.6 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area)



The Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

Questions

If you have questions about the workshop content, please contact Kristie Lofland (klofland@indiana.edu) at 812-855-6508. Registration payment questions should be directed to IU Conferences at 800-833-9330 or to Melissa at iuconfs@indiana.edu. For any other questions, you may contact Lisa Bidwell (lbidwell@indiana.edu) at 812-855-6481. For additional information, see <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/pages/joel-shaul-workshop>.

Accommodations

The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community is committed to providing equal access to this event for all participants. If you have questions about accessibility, or have a request for alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact Lisa Bidwell (lbidwell@indiana.edu) at 812-855-6481 with your request at least two weeks in advance of the event.