

The PostCARD

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CARD UF/Gainesville and the Florida Department of Education
Present a Workshop on

Literacy for All Learners

Date: March 15, 2002
9:00AM-3:30PM
(Registration begins at 8:00AM)
Location: Best Western at 39th Avenue and I-75
Gainesville, FL
Presenter: Dr. David Koppenhaver
Cost: FREE!
Pre-registration is required.
Please call or email Carole Polefko
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Dr. David Koppenhaver is the Grace and Bertil Pehrson Chair of Education at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. He is a nationally renowned expert on literacy and individuals who have developmental disabilities including autism and related disabilities. Through his publications and his annual Summer Seminar on Literacy in Augmentative and Alternative Communication, he has made major contributions to the field of teaching literacy skills to individuals with significant disabilities. This workshop on literacy is free and will be of interest to any team member working with students with autism and related disabilities.

AUTISM AWARENESS BENEFIT RACE & AUCTION

When: March 3, 2002
Location: TBA
(Gainesville or Ocala)
Contact: Great Southern Racing
Productions, Inc.
(owned and operated
by Ed and Margie Garlin)
904/462-9623

Money raised from this event
will be used to help send parents to
conferences and support local au-
tism awareness events.

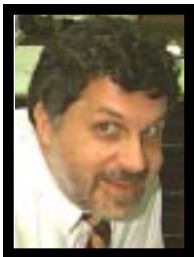
THANKS TO ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENCY BOARD MEMBERS!!

for their support and guidance over the
past years. We truly appreciate the
time and energy they donate to our
Center. Our current Constituency
Board Members are:

Julia Arthur (Citrus County)
Marianne Bryant (Citrus County.)
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Who's Who @ CARD UF/Gainesville

Ralph Maurer, M.D. - Executive Director



Degrees: B.A., Harvard College
M.D., Yale University

Date Started at CARD: 2/94

Areas of Interest: Behavioral Neurology & Autism as a Movement Disorder

Professional Associations: ANC (Autism National Committee) - Scientific consultant and founding member

Greg Valcante, Ph.D. - Director



Degrees: B.A., Biology & M.Ed., Special Education,
College of William and Mary
Ph.D., Special Education
University of Florida

Date Started at CARD: 2/94

Areas of Interest: Family Support, Collaboration & Team Building, Inclusion, Toilet Training, Social & Play Skills

Professional Associations: ASA (Autism Society of America)
CEC (Council for Exceptional Children), TASH

Art Wallen, M.S. - Associate Director



Degrees: B.S. & M.S., Psychology
University of Florida

Date Started at CARD: 2/94

Areas of Interest: Behavioral Assessment & Intervention, Self-Injurious Behavior, Systemic Instruction, Self-control Technologies, Behavioral Pharmacology, Positive Behavioral Support Technologies, Transition & Adult Supports

Professional Associations: ASA (Autism Society of America)

Donna Gilles, Ed.D. - Associate Director



Degrees: B.S., Elementary and Special Education
University of Maryland
M.S. & Ed.D., Severe Disabilities
Johns Hopkins University

Date Started at CARD: 12/94

Areas of Interest: Visual Supports & Prompting, Communication, School, Community, & Work Inclusion

Professional Associations:

AAMR (American Assoc. on Mental Retardation)

CEC (Council for Exceptional Children)

TASH - President



Robbin Anderson, B.A. - Support Specialist

Degrees: B.A., Specific Learning Disabilities,
University of Central Florida

Date Started at CARD: 8/99

Areas of Interest: Asperger Syndrome, Employment,
Transition, Movement Disorders, & Inclusion



Jennifer Nye, M.S. - Support Specialist

Degrees: B.S. & M.S., Psychology, *University of Florida*

Date Started at CARD: 6/00

Areas of Interest: Early Recognition of Autism, Communication,
Sensory and Movement Issues, Play, Parent/Doctor Relationships

Professional Associations: ASA (*Autism Society of America*)



**Cathy Zenko, M.S., CCC-SLP - Support Specialist and
Training Coordinator**

Degrees: B.S., Speech Pathology & Audiology,
Florida State University
M.S., Speech Pathology & Audiology,
University of South Florida

Date Started at CARD: 7/00

Areas of Interest: Communication, Theory of Mind, Social
Skills, Asperger's & High-Functioning Autism

Professional Associations: ASHA (*American Speech Language
Hearing Association*)



Karin Marsh, M.Ed. - Support Specialist

Degrees: B.A., Psychology, *Agnes Scott College*
M.Ed., Special Education, Early Childhood,
University of Washington

Date Started at CARD: 11/01

Areas of Interest: Early Intervention, Family Support, Play-
Based Assessment and Intervention, Communication



Caroline Raye - Community Services Coordinator

Degrees: B.A., Political Science,
University of California, Santa Cruz
M.A., Latin American Studies,
University of California, Los Angeles

Date Started at CARD: 9/99

Areas of Interest: Social Stories & Visual Supports



Margie Garlin - Program Assistant

Date Started at CARD: 11/99

Duties at CARD:

- *manages office at Health Science Center
- *writes quarterly reports

Margie is also a parent of a child with autism and is active in Family Network on Disabilities, Family Care Council, and the Alachua County Advisory Council.



John Murchek - Program Assistant

Date Started at CARD: 3/01

Duties at CARD:

- *writes for Center's newsletter
- *coordinates customer satisfaction survey
- *maintains Center's policies & procedures manual
- *develops public education materials



Carole Polefko - Program Assistant

Date Started at CARD: 5/94

Duties at CARD:

- *publishes Center's newsletter
- *organizes meetings and trainings
- *maintains reference library
- *acts as liaison to the Constituency Board



Kurt Clopton - Computer Consultant

Date Started at CARD: 1/96

Duties at CARD:

- *maintains website
- *maintains databases
- *maintains computer network
- *develops informational materials & videotapes

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