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**Milestones 7th Annual  
Autism/Asperger's Conference  
Monday, June 15, 2009**

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Education, Training and Collaboration for the Autism Community

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Autism /Asperger's Conference**

**Monday, June 15, 2009**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (7:30 a.m. registration)**  
**Executive Caterers at Landerhaven**  
6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124

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**Keynote Speaker**

**Brenda Smith Myles, PhD**

*Chief of Programs and Development  
for the Autism Society of America*

*Understanding the Hidden  
Curriculum: The Unwritten  
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**TARGETED WORKSHOPS** for parents and professionals working with **young children, elementary, middle and high school**, as well as **adults with autism, Asperger's Syndrome** or social communication challenges. Learn techniques to implement right away at home, school, and in the community.

### **YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO...**

- ★ Handle and prevent out of control behavior
- ★ Develop behavior support plans
- ★ Target and teach social skills across the age spans
- ★ Increase functional communication
- ★ Manage behaviors in the classroom
- ★ Grow interests into potential employment possibilities
- ★ Manage vocational struggles
- ★ Navigate the medical maze
- ★ Access services and understand individual's rights
- ★ Use animation to learn hard language concepts
- ★ Implement behavioral strategies for home and school
- ★ Transition from childhood to adulthood
- ★ Guide teens through puberty
- ★ Helpful hints for educators working with students

### **THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU IF YOU ARE A...**

*Special Educator, Inclusion Teacher, Classroom Aide, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, Social Worker, Music or Art Therapist, School Counselor, Parent or Relative of Individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder or a Behavioral Therapist*

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**Promoting Life Long Strategies for Success in: School, Home, Community and Work**

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## Keynote Speaker

### Brenda Smith Myles, PhD

Chief of Programs and Development  
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*Understanding the Hidden  
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A consultant with the Ziggurat Group and Chief of Programs and Development for the Autism Society of America, is the recipient of the 2004 Autism Society of America's Outstanding Professional Award and the 2006 Princeton Fellowship Award. She has written numerous articles and books on Asperger Syndrome and autism including *Asperger Syndrome and Difficult Moments: Practical Solutions for Tantrums, Rage, and Meltdowns* (with Southwick) and *Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence: Practical Solutions for School Success* (with Adreon). The latter is the winner of the Autism Society of America's Outstanding Literary Work. Brenda has made over 500 presentations all over the world, written more than 150 articles and books on autism and Asperger Syndrome, and served as the co-chair of the National ASD Teacher Standards Committee. She is on the National Institute of Mental Health's Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee's Strategic Planning Consortium and the Autism Society of America's Panel of Professional Advisors. Myles is also on the executive boards of several organizations, including the Organization for Autism Research and Maap Services, Inc. In addition, she was recently acknowledged as the second most productive applied researcher in ASD in the world from 1997 to 2004.

## WORKSHOP TRACKS:

- ★ EARLY INTERVENTION/ELEMENTARY
- ★ MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
- ☆ ADULT
- ADVANCED RESEARCH BASED (BCBA)

7:30 a.m.

Registration – Coffee/Tea only

8:30 a.m.

## Conference Opening

Update on Statewide Autism Issues  
Barbara Yavorcik, Autism Society of Ohio and  
Ohio Autism Coalition

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker – See left

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## Workshops A

### A-1 ★☆☆

#### Making Your Child/Student's Daily Program Meaningful: CAPS

Brenda Smith Myles, PhD, Chief of Programs and  
Development for the Autism Society of America

### A-2 ★☆☆

#### Medical Research: Myths & Facts

Max Wiznitzer, MD  
Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital

### A-3 ★★

#### Basics of Behavioral Intervention for Children (Hands-On Session)

Kiersten Johnson, Milestones Autism Organization  
Michelle Nameth Connor, MEd, ABA Consulting

### A-4 ★

#### Musical Play to Ease Their Way: Music Therapy for Young Children with ASD

Ronna Kaplan, MA, MT-BC  
Cleveland Music School Settlement  
Marcia E. Humpal, MEd, MT-BC  
Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and  
Developmental Disabilities

### A-5 ★★

#### Functional Communication: A Reason to Talk

Jill Jackson, MA, CCC-SLP  
Beachwood City Schools

### A-6 ★☆☆

#### Vocational Struggles for the Adult with Asperger's: A Work in Progress

Kurt Jensen, PsyD  
Private Practice  
Norm Szylakowski  
Dave's Markets

### A-7 ★

#### Guiding Your Teen with Autism through Puberty

Nevada Reed, MD  
KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center

### A-8 ★●

#### Using ABA to Teach Pretend Play to Young Children (Advanced research based - BCBA)

Connie Wong, PhD  
Cleveland State University

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

## Lunch

- Poster Sessions
- Exhibits

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Workshops B

### B-1 ★☆☆

#### Asperger's Syndrome and Difficult Moments: Practical Solutions for Tantrums, Rage & Meltdowns

Brenda Smith Myles, PhD, Chief of Programs and  
Development for the Autism Society of America

**B-2** ★★☆☆

## Foundations for Life Long Social Independence

Jay Berk, PhD, *Private Practice*

**B-3** ★★☆☆

## Strategies to Promote Success – Token Boards and Effective Shadowing

(Hands-on Make and Take Session)

Kiersten Johnson, *Milestones Autism Organization*  
Michelle Nameth Connor, MEd, *ABA Consulting*

**B-4** ★★☆☆

## Inclusion in Boy Scout and Religious Programming

Matt Baker, *Boy Scouts of America*; Cara Marker Daily, PhD, *Inner Health Ministries Child Center*;  
Laurie Gross-Kammer, *Gross Schechter Day School*

**B-5** ★★☆☆

## ASD's and MFE's: Understanding the Process

Michelle DePolo, PsyD  
*KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center*

**B-6** ★★☆☆

## It Can Be Done! A Manageable Process for Developing Behavior Support Plans

Jaclyn Crissinger, MA, *Positive Education Program*  
Karl Ruppelt MEd, *Positive Education Program*

**B-7** ★★☆☆

## Medical Transitioning from Adolescence to Adulthood

Garey Noritz, MD, *MetroHealth Hospital*

**B-8** ★★☆☆●

## Using Token Economies and DRO as Reinforcement-Based Interventions for Students with Autism (Advanced research based - BCBA)

Jennifer Sweeney, MA, BCBA, *Solutions Behavioral Consulting*; Leah Gongola, PhD, *Youngstown State University*

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Workshops C

**C-1** ★★☆☆

## Simple Strategies That Work: Helpful Hints for All Educators of Students With Asperger's Syndrome, High-functioning Autism, and Related Disabilities

Brenda Smith Myles, PhD, *Chief of Programs and Development for the Autism Society of America*

**C-2** ★★☆☆

## Practical Solutions for School Based Group Social Intervention

Nicole Gerami, MA, CCC-SLP  
*Western Reserve Speech and Language Partners*  
Speech Language Pathologist  
*Public School*

**C-3** ★★☆☆

## Behavior Strategies for Peer Inclusion at Home and in the Classroom (Hands-On Session)

Kiersten Johnson, *Milestones Autism Organization*  
Michelle Nameth Connor, MEd, *ABA Consulting*

**C-4** ★★☆☆

## It Takes More Than a Village: Navigating the Medical Maze

Julie Knapp, MD, *Cleveland Clinic*  
Steven Wexberg, MD, *Cleveland Clinic*

**C-5** ★★☆☆

## Growing Interests into Possible Employment

Madeline Rosenshein, MEd, *OCALI*

**C-6** ★★☆☆

## Does Animation Improve the Acquisition of Hard to Learn Language Concepts?

Howard Shane, PhD, *Monarch Center for Autism, Boston Children's Hospital Collaboration and Harvard Medical School*

**C-7** ★☆☆☆

## Fascinating and Frustrating: Proactive Strategies to Support Positive Behavior of K-4 Students with ASD

Scott Gossett, *Achievement Centers for Children*  
Marianne Canter, MEd, *Achieve Consulting*

**C-8** ★★☆☆

## Using ABA Technology to Evaluate Non-Behavioral Treatments (Advanced research based - BCBA)

Suzann Fleming, MA, BCBA  
*Chagrin City Schools*

### Sponsorship Opportunities

**SOLD** \$25,000 Conference Sponsor

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**SOLD** \$15,000 Keynote Sponsor

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\$100 Business Card: 3.667" x 2.375"

Visit [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org) for sponsor benefits and form.

**Deadline: May 15, 2009**



**Registration** (one form per person, please) – You may also register on-line at [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org)

**Pre-Registration Deadline June 8, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer/Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail (will not be sold) \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a** (check all that apply):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Consultant     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech Language Therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Music Therapist                | <input type="checkbox"/> ABA Therapist             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Administrator               | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapist        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relative of person on the spectrum | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapist    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aide/Paraprofessional              | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |

**Fees**

**PROFESSIONALS**

- Registration Fee \$150 (price includes CEUs, lunch and binder) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 LESS: Group Discount per person \$20 (4 or more with single payment) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Rate (25 years old or younger) \$75 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERS**

- Registration Fee \$115 (price includes lunch & binder) .. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 LESS: Group Discount per person \$20 (4 or more with single payment) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person with Autism Spectrum Disorder \$60 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER**

- Binder without Conference Registration \$50 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor/Advertiser ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Development Credits** (pending)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BCBA   | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling           | <input type="checkbox"/> Education  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MRDD   | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work          |                                     |

**How did you hear about this conference?**

- Direct Mailing  Newspaper  Newsletter  Friend  
 Internet  Workplace  Around Town  Other Autism Event  
Name of Paper/Organization/Event \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Choices** (choose 1 per time slot):

**Group A: 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

- A-1: Making Programs Meaningful – Smith Myles  
 A-2: Medical Research: Myths & Facts – Wiznitzer  
 A-3: Basics of Behavioral Intervention – Johnson & Nameth  
 A-4: Musical Play to Ease Their Way – Kaplan & Humpal  
 A-5: Functional Communication: A Reason to Talk – Jackson  
 A-6: Vocational Struggles for the Adult – Jensen & Szylakowski  
 A-7: Guiding Your Teen with Autism through Puberty – Reed  
 A-8: Using ABA to Teach Pretend Play (BCBA) – Wong

**Group B: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- B-1: Solutions for Tantrums, Rage & Meltdowns – Smith Myles  
 B-2: Foundations for Life Long Social Independence – Berk  
 B-3; Strategies to Promote Success – Johnson & Nameth  
 B-4: Boy Scout & Religious Programs – Baker, Daily & Gross-Kammer  
 B-5: ASD's and MFE's: Understanding the Process – DePolo  
 B-6: Developing Behavior Support Plans – Crissinger & Ruppelt  
 B-7: Medical Transitioning from Adolescence to Adulthood – Norritz  
 B-8: Reinforcement-Based Interventions (BCBA) – Sweeney & Gongola

**Group C: 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

- C-1: Helpful Hints for All Educators – Smith Myles  
 C-2: School Based Group Social Intervention – Gerami  
 C-3: Behavior Strategies for Peer Inclusion – Johnson & Nameth  
 C-4: Navigating the Medical Maze – Knapp & Wexberg  
 C-5: Growing Interests into Employment – Rosenshein  
 C-6: Does Animation Improve Language Concepts? – Shane  
 C-7: Strategies to Support Positive Behavior – Gossett & Canter  
 C-8: Evaluate Non-Behavioral Treatments (BCBA) – Fleming

## Registration Information

You may register as a **professional** or as **family** of a person on the spectrum. **Professionals** (from the same organization) and **family members** may receive a group discount if four or more register together with a single payment. Fill out a separate registration form for each person and mail them in together, or register on-line at [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org).

**Registration Deadline is June 8, 2009.** After June 8, please register as a walk-in beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Monday June 15, for an additional \$10 fee.

## Fees

To pay by check, mail registration form and full payment to Milestones Organization, 3246 Desota Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. To pay by credit card, register on-line at [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org).

## Scholarships

A limited amount of conference scholarship aid is available. To request a scholarship application, please email [infomilestones@yahoo.com](mailto:infomilestones@yahoo.com) or call 216.371.4765.

## Changes/Cancellations

Cancellations will be accepted in writing until June 8, 2009 and refunds granted minus 30% of administrative costs. Substitutions for original registrants are acceptable.

## Professional Development/CEUs

6.0 continuing education hours will be provided by the Continuing Education Program, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, approved provider #RSXX-058715 of the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board. These credits satisfy license renewal continuing education requirements of counselors, educators, psychologists, and social workers.



The Ohio 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. This program provides .6 CEUs (various levels; professional area). ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

Professional development credit for 6 contact hours will also be available in occupational therapy, MRDD and toward a BCBA. Applications are pending. General certificates of attendance will also be available.

## Workshop Selection

Over the course of the conference, there are three workshop time slots with multiple options per time slot. Please choose one topic for each workshop time slot.

## Meals

No breakfast will be served. Registration fees include buffet lunch with vegetarian options. It will not be possible to arrange for special meals on-site.

## Hotel Information *(mention Milestones)*

Staybridge Suites: 440.442.9200  
*(adjacent to conference location)*  
Clarion Hotel: 216.831.5150  
Holiday Inn: 216.831.3300  
Hilton: 216.464.5950  
Embassy Suites: 216.765.8066

## Questions/Special Assistance

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## Advertising/Exhibiting/ Sponsorship Information

We invite you to promote your organization at the 2009 Conference. Opportunities are available to be a conference sponsor, exhibitor at the conference, and advertiser in the conference binder. Your message will reach over 500 attendees.

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## Conference Location and Directions

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### From 80 East/ 90 East or I-90 West

Take I-90 East or I-90 West to I-271 South. Exit 32 Brainard/Cedar Rd. Make a Left onto Brainard Rd., Left onto Cedar Rd., Left onto Lander Rd. (not Landerbrook). Right onto Landerhaven Drive. Follow signs into Landerhaven, turn left into parking lot.

### From I-71 North or I-480 East or I-480 West

Travel to I-271 North. Exit 32 at Brainard/Cedar Rd. At the top of the exit, make a Right onto Brainard Rd. Left onto Cedar Rd. (it says Cedar East). Left onto Lander Rd. (not Landerbrook). Right onto Landerhaven Drive. Follow signs into Landerhaven, turn left into parking lot.

### From I-80 West

Travel to I-480 West, then I-271 North. Exit 32 at Brainard/Cedar Rd. At the top of the exit, make a Right onto Brainard Rd. Left onto Cedar Rd. (it says Cedar East). Left onto Lander Rd. (not Landerbrook). Right onto Landerhaven Drive. Follow signs into Landerhaven, turn left into parking lot.

### From the South

Travel north on I-77 to I-480 East, then I-271 North. Exit 32 at Brainard/Cedar Rd. At the top of the exit, make a Right onto Brainard Rd. Left onto Cedar Rd. (it says Cedar East). Left onto Lander Rd. (not Landerbrook). Right onto Landerhaven Drive. Follow signs into Landerhaven, turn left into parking lot.

*There is ample free parking on the grounds.*