

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

*Supporting children with autism and their families since 1989*

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### Training Opportunity For School Districts

Community Resources for People with Autism is dedicated to educating the local community about the strengths and challenges that are commonly associated with autism spectrum disorders. Community Resources offers a variety of professional development opportunities to school personnel, and we are currently scheduling trainings for school districts for the start of the upcoming school year.

Listed below are the workshop descriptions. Please note that workshops can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your staff.

For more information, please contact Jason Litto at (413)529-2428 x121 or [littoj@theasn.org](mailto:littoj@theasn.org)

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### Description of Trainings

#### *"An Insight Into Autism Spectrum Disorders"*

This workshop will discuss both the strengths and challenges that are often experienced by individuals on the autism spectrum. Areas covered include: diagnostic criteria, receptive and expressive communications skills, social competencies, sensory challenges, and the implementation of positive behavioral supports. Attendees will learn practical strategies used to facilitate the growth and development of students. There will be time for questions and answers.

#### *"Asperger's 101"*

This workshop will cover the areas addressed in "An Insight Into Autism" with a specific focus on Asperger's Syndrome.

#### *"The Hidden Curriculum"*

A workshop designed to introduce you to the importance of the "hidden curriculum" – the unwritten social rules and expectations of behavior that we all know but were never taught – and how a lack of these skills impacts individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Individuals who have ASD do not come equipped with the same ability to understand the hidden curriculum. As a result, they break many social and behavioral rules without intent or even knowledge that they are doing so. This, coupled with their difficulty in generalizing information from one situation to another, leads them to making the same mistakes over and over again at a tremendous social cost.

This workshop includes strategies and techniques to help children and adults understand social cues and unstated expectations, guidelines for what to do (or what not to do) in specific social situations, and practical tips.

## Speaker Bio

Jason Litto has 14 years of experience working with individuals on the autism spectrum. He is certified as a special education teacher, and has experience teaching and consulting for both public and private schools. Jason has worked for Community Resources for People with Autism as an Autism Specialist and Family Support Manager offering a variety of supports to families of children with autism.

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## Training Fees

### “An Insight Into Autism”

Three-hour Training for up to 25 attendees hosted by organizations or school districts that provide a host/hostess, room, and refreshments.

Fee: \$500 (\$5.00 per each additional attendee)

### “Asperger’s 101”

Three-hour Training for up to 25 attendees hosted by organizations or school districts that provide a host/hostess, room, and refreshments.

Fee: \$500 (\$5.00 per each additional attendee)

### “The Hidden Curriculum”

Two-hour Training for up to 25 attendees hosted by organizations or school districts that provide a host/hostess, room and refreshments.

Fee: \$400 (\$5.00 per each additional attendee)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Organizations that provide copying and folders of the materials for attendees will be discounted \$100 and will not be charged \$5.00 for each attendee over 25.

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*Please complete the attached order form and return with payment or Purchase Order to (you will be contacted to schedule a training date and time):*

Community Resources for People with Autism  
Attention: Jason Litto  
116 Pleasant Street; Ste. 366  
Easthampton, MA 01027

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### **Training Registration Form**

School Name/Organization:

Address Street:

City:

Zip:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

Please indicate workshop(s)	Full Price	With Discount	Additional People
Insight Into Autism	\$500	\$400	\$
Asperger's 101	\$500	\$400	\$
The Hidden Curriculum	\$400	\$300	\$

Total Amount of Payment Due:

Method of payment:

Check enclosed

Purchase Order

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