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*Early Education and Intervention
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Presents

Ridding the Silence:

Assessment and Treatment
Strategies Used
with Young Children with
Selective Mutism

Friday
October 3rd, 2008
Hampton, NH

Galley Hatch Conference Center

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The Presenter:

Joleen R. Fernald, PhDc CCC-SLP, is currently a PhD candidate studying infant mental health and developmental disabilities with Dr. Stanley Greenspan. She is the New Hampshire Selective Mutism Connections coordinator and was elected to the Selective Mutism Group's Board of Directors in 2007. After ten years working within the special education system, Joleen began a private practice where she focuses her skills on working with children who have a variety of communication disorders. Most recently, she has partnered with Easter Seals NH to begin an assessment and treatment clinic specifically for selective mutism. Joleen enjoys public speaking and has presented nationally on the topics of childhood apraxia of speech and selective mutism. She lives with her husband and two young daughters, the oldest of whom has a social anxiety disorder and selective mutism.

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Program Agenda

- 8:30am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- **What is SM**
 - **Difference between shyness and SM**
 - **Prevalence**
 - **Related Co-morbid Behaviors/Disorders**
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am **Morning Break**
- 10:45 am – 12:00 am
- **Evaluation and Assessment**
 - **Eligibility for ESS / IEP / Section 504**
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Buffet Lunch Provided**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Treatment / Strategies**
- 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm **Afternoon Break**
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Treatment / Strategies Continued**

Course Description:

Selective Mutism (SM) is a social and communication anxiety disorder of childhood. With the prevalence rising to an estimated 1 in 143, it is a disorder that merits significant attention and focus. Every treating professional who works with children should be aware of the key characteristics, diagnostic criteria, and current treatment methods identified in recent literature. This presentation will also address co-morbid disorders commonly associated with Selective Mutism and the interdisciplinary team, which would best support a child with the diagnosis. Participants will learn how to develop a treatment plan and employ therapeutic techniques in working with children with SM.

Course Objectives:

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- 1) List the five criteria used in the DSM IV required for a diagnosis of Selective Mutism;
- 2) Identify three methodologies commonly used in the treatment of Selective Mutism
- 3) Identify three co-morbid disorders which are commonly associated with SM
- 4) Name the members on an interdisciplinary team that should work with children with SM
- 5) Employ assessment and treatment strategies to remediate SM

10/3/08 ~ Registration Form

Hampton, NH

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