

A workshop for professionals hosted by the Poudre School District



“INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND TEACHING VERBAL BEHAVIOR IN THE CLASSROOM”

September 30 & October 1, 2010 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Café Columbine
802 West Drake Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526

The Workshop

Using the analysis of language as a behavior that is under the influence of the principles of operant conditioning provides a viable model for helping children with language deficits.

This workshop will illustrate through extensive use of video how the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) that emphasizes the teaching of verbal behavior can be applied effectively in classroom settings to teach language and other important skills to children with autism or other developmental disability.

- Establish and maintain rapport with their students
Develop social skills and promote peer interaction
Select developmentally appropriate IEP goals for each student based on a criterion-referenced assessment (VB-MAPP)
Teach functional communication skills to vocal and non-vocal students
Capture and contrive motivation and then use it to expand language repertoires
Select group activities that promote functional communication and peer interaction
Transition students from natural environment teaching (NET) to discrete trial training (DTT)
Maintain high-rate (accurate and fast) student responding during DTT
Teach academic skills (reading, math, etc.) to children with autism using a research-based curriculum
Utilize reinforcement-based approaches that reduce problem behavior by function

Thomas Caffrey earned his BA in Education from Arizona State University and his M.Ed from Georgian Court University where he was honored for his work in training paraprofessionals to work with children with autism.

Mr. Caffrey co-authored with Dr. Vincent J. Carbone an 8 hour professional development training CD series The Verbal Behavior Approach to Teaching Children with Autism

Currently, he provides training and in-class support to schools and agencies that serve children with autism throughout the United States and abroad.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is on a first-come basis. Please send completed registration form and check or money order to Poudre School District at the address listed below.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Poudre School District, Attn: Liz Davis, PSD Integrated Services, 2407 La Porte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80521

Name: E-Mail:

Address: City: ST: Zip:

Work Phone: Evening Phone:

Place of Employment:

\$250.00 Registration fee for two-day workshop